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## Fulbeck highlights Asian New Year celebration

By Oren Homer Rawls '99
MANAGING EDITOR

In celebration of the Asian New Year, the Asian Cultural Society organized a diverse lineup of events culminating in the Asian New Year Celebration on Saturday night. The events encompass all aspects of Asian culture, ranging from Origami lessons to a midday parade.

The festivities commenced on Wednesday night. The New York Inoue Chamber Ensemble opened the celebration on a high note, gracing Wellin Hall with contemporary and cross-cultural Japanese music.

Origami, the Asian art form that has intrigued the intellect for centuries, highlighted the following afternoon's activities. Held in Cafe Opus, only a stone's throw away (as the Origami crow flies) from the previous evening's concert in Wellin Hall, the Origami lesson proved to be as educational as it was entertaining.

The Red Pit is the scene for tonight's unique solo performance by Kip Fulbeck. Entitled "Speakin' up the Yin/Yang," the performance promises to be wild yet enlightening. Fulbeck is a veteran of such distinguished international venues as the Whitney Museum of American Art Biennial, The Asian American Arts Centre, El Centro Cultural de la Raza, Club Uno's in

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## Over 4,000 apply for admission

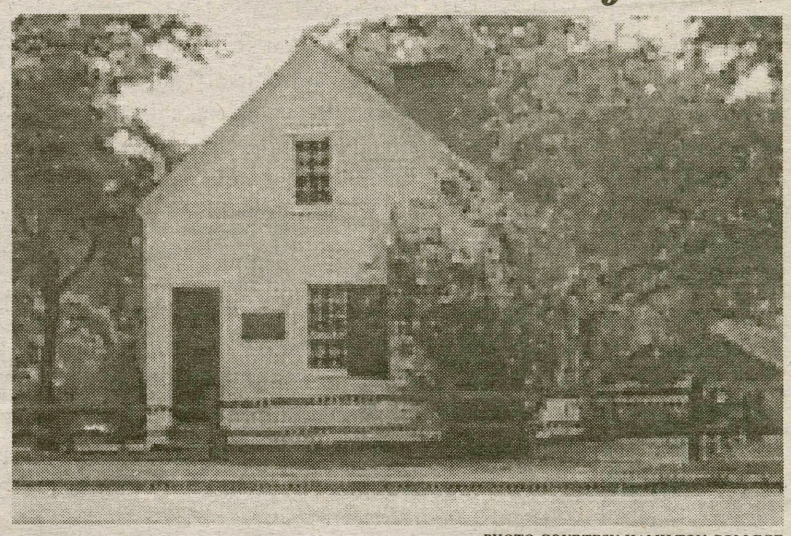
### *College aims to enroll 450 in Class of 2001*

By Ilko Menkov '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton's Admission Office has been inundated with another record number of applicants for the class of 2001, according to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Rit Fuller.

This year, 4,090 students applied - an increase of approximately 1,000 applicants over the last five years. The last two classes (1999 and 2000) were larger than anticipated, and this improved retention rate has led to an increase in the overall number of enrolled students.

Articles in national newspapers and several surveys show that the increase in this year's applicant pool is not typical for all colleges around the country. In fact, the number of applicants in many schools, including most of the Ivys, has decreased.



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**The Class of 2001 will be the smallest to matriculate at Kirkland Cottage in several years.**

The Admission Office is striving to reduce the incoming class's size by making the application process more competitive, according to Fuller. Balancing the female-male ratio and assuring a diverse class are

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## *Villanova professor dissects historical bias*

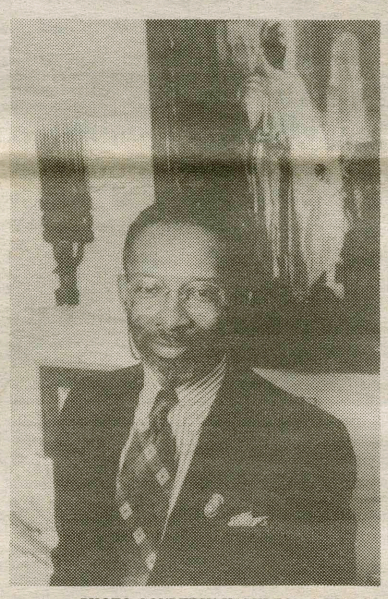
By Mark O'Brien '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Imperial Rome, the story of King Arthur, the European Enlightenment, American film classics, literature of various genres, and a pervading theme of race comprise but an elementary understanding of Tuesday's Red Pit lecture, "Return of the Black Knight."

Maghan Keita, history professor at Villanova University, blended these topics to indicate a correlation between a culture's interpretation of history and the way in which such a culture chooses to identify itself.

Hamilton Professor of English Vincent Odamtten, director of the Africana Studies Department, opened the floor with the preface, "You will be touched, your minds will be pushed around in ways that you don't expect."

Keita cited several examples of popular culture to discuss the inseperability of black figures from



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**Professor Maghan Keita.**

common perceptions of Arthurian lore. He used the black knight in Sir Walter Scott's Ivanhoe to highlight the evil stereotype associated with theatrical and literary characters dressed in dark garb.

Keita speaks Arabic and Chinese, and his studies range from Cleveland during the turn of the century to the politics and economy of South Africa. He earned his Master's Degree in American History, and a Doctorate in African History.

When asked about any plans for future research, the Professor said that he hopes to publish his most recent work on *Return of the Black Knight*, following the Oxford publication of two other complete works, one entitled, *Riddling the Sphinx*.

Keita also hinted at the possibility of writing some children's literature in the future.

This lecture drew from a variety of media, alerting the audience to, as Keita described, "Race in the making of history." According to Keita, the notion of history empowers the individual in understanding the human mindset revealed through the way we choose to represent history.

## Nichols cancels visit, events may be rescheduled

From Spectator
Staff Reports

John Nichols '62, author of *The Sterile Cuckoo* and *The Milagro Beanfield War*, cancelled his planned visit to Hamilton this week due to illness. According to College sources, attempts are being made to bring Nichols to the Hill at a later date during the spring semester.

The author of over 15 books, Nichols cancelled his trip to Clinton due to illness on Wednesday.

Film adaptations of Nichols' work were shown earlier this week in anticipation of his visit, and several professors had desired to include Nichols' visit in their course curriculae.

Nichols was due to lecture in Dwight Lounge last night at 8 p.m., presenting a speech entitled, "What is a Naturalist Anyway?" This afternoon, Café Opus would have been the site of a reading by the author at 4 p.m..

On Saturday, Nichols was set to participate in an informal discussion in the Little Pub at 8 p.m.

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## Blades of steel

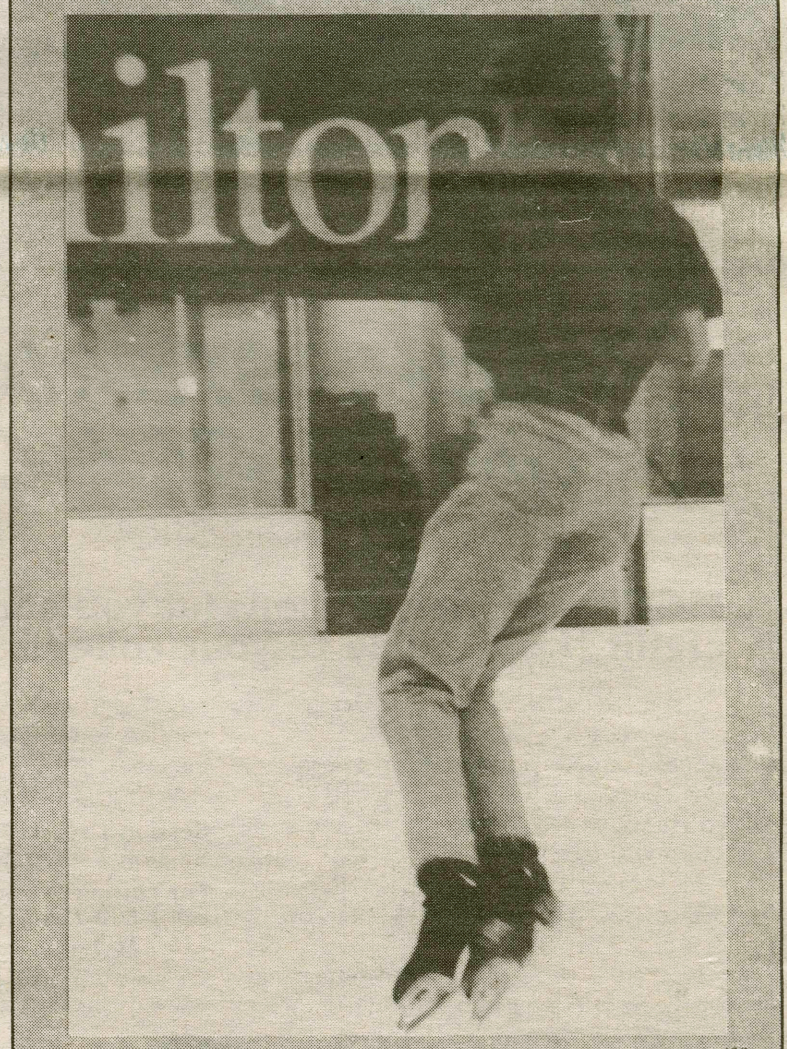

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

**Nat Kinsey '99 works on a figure skating jump during recreational skating in Sage Rink. Sage is open on various nights for skating. Check Sage for details.**

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# ACS plans celebration, education for New Year

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Malaysia, The Substation in Singapore, as well as numerous universities within the United States.

"Speakin' Up the Yin/Yang" is based on Fulbeck's experiences as a mixed-blood Asian man in the United States. The performance includes comedy sketches, videotapes, monologues and autobiographical stories. Fulbeck covers a vast spectrum of topics, including interracial dating, cultural icons and the media's representation of Asian men. He impersonates such characters as a crazed Mortal Combat child, David Carradine and a white man with an Asian fetish. Fulbeck weaves personal experiences, both humorous and painful, into his captivating tale.

The Asian Cultural Society takes to the streets at noon on Saturday for the Parade beginning at the Fillius Events Barn in Beinecke Village. The afternoon of exercise is appropriately followed at 5 p.m. by the Asian New Year Dinner, to be held in the Dwight Lounge in the Bristol Campus Center.

Hamilton's celebration of the New Year begins at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn. Students will dance, sing and perform in recognition of the respective different cultures of Asia. Performance artists Saeko Inchinohe & Company cap off the celebration with their modern dance with Japanese themes.

The Asian New Year festivities ends at 10 p.m. in the Events Barn with an exam in the international language of shake, shake, shake it, DJ'ed by Andrew Mishalove from PC & the Crew.

# *Klinkner discusses decline in racial equality in Kirkland 'brown bag' talk*

By Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In his lecture, "The Unsteady March: The Rise and Decline of America's Commitment to Racial Equality", Philip Klinkner focused on the decline in racial equality in the United States. Klinkner, who received his PhD. in political science from Yale University, is an assistant professor of Government.

The lecture held on Wednesday at noon in the ELS common room was sponsored by the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society, and Culture. The Kirkland Project, coordinated by Nancy Rabinowitz of the Comparative Literature Department, focuses on questions and issues of gender, class, race, and sexuality and provides opportunities for discussion at Hamilton. The lecture was part of the projects brown bag lunch series where students can interact in an informal setting with their professors.

"It gives us a chance to interact with our professors outside of the classroom and see that they are real people interested in continuing their own work," said Dzu Bui, a first year who has attended other lectures in the brown bag series.

> **"Americans developed some perverse arguments why civil rights should not be emphasized."**
> **—Prof. Philip Klinkner**

Klinkner pointed out that most Americans are optimistic about the quality of race relations in the United States, especially during Black History Month. However, he stated that during most of American history, race relations have gotten worse. Liberal ideas have often struggled with beliefs of hierarchy, and have often lost.

According to Klinkner, "A crisis of the state is needed the change the dynamics of race relations." Racial equality has only improved during three historical periods: the American Revolution, the Civil War and Reconstruction, and World War II and the Cold War. Because of the profound threats to national security posed during these periods, ideological beliefs and liberal leadership allowed advancements for racial equality to occur.

After these events, the United States went into what Klinkner called the rollback period. During the rollback, Americans reverted back to negative attitudes. Klinkner believes that race relations improved in times of war because the U.S. needed the support, cooperation, and extra manpower of blacks.

"Americans developed some perverse arguments why civil rights should not be emphasized," said Klinkner. Some Americans feel that civil rights violate the rights of whites by giving special attention to blacks and other minorities, especially in the case of affirmative action. Some also believe that blacks are inherently inferior, an idea Klinkner called "scientifical racism."

Klinkner feels that current race relations "will probably get worse before they get better." According to his theory, a crisis of the United States is truly the only hope for racial equality.

## To err is human...

Mark Fields '98 was inadvertently omitted from the byline of "Symeon's serves suppers worthy of greek Gods" (Feb. 14, p. 8).

Dates for films being shown last week in conjunction with John Nichols' visit were misprinted in last week's issue. We apologize for any inconveniences.

The headline for the Senior Fellowship story in last week's issue, "Select juniors offered Fellowships in English," incorrectly implied that Fellowships were offered only in English. Fellows pursue projects independent of the College curriculum.

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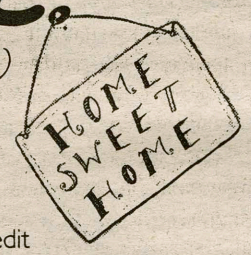


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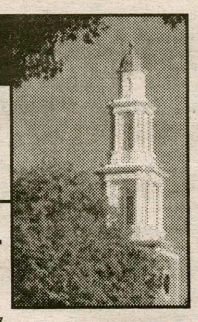


## THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY AARON ARMSTRONG '00

### U. Michigan GOP pres. accused of fraud

Nick Kirk, president of the University chapter of the College Republicans, allegedly gained access to the state Republican convention about three weeks ago by pretending to be a reporter for the university's newspaper, *The Michigan Review*.

"It's just an accusation," Kirk said. "They have no tangible evidence." But Sage Eastman, press secretary for the Michigan Republican Party, confirmed last night that Kirk said he was a *Review* staff writer.

"I find it odd that someone in charge of the College Republicans would pretend to be a member of the press," Eastman said. "It's disappointing." Some College Republicans said that given Kirk's status as the leader of the group, he would not have needed to pretend to be a reporter to gain admittance.

"The position he's in gives him access to most people there," said Pete Rinato, the group's vice president for alumni affairs. "Nick's pretty well-known across the state."

Geoff Brown, editor in chief of *The Michigan Review*, said there has been a history of tension between Kirk and the *Review*. "The *Review* has had a problem with him," Brown said. "That might have been his motivation to choose the *Review*."

"The *Review* has called me 'Dick Jerk.' They have called me 'Roy Cohn.' They have called me 'Richard Nixon,'" Kirk said. "They're just flinging mud at me." Brown said he discovered Kirk's alleged fraud after receiving "several e-mails from College Republicans saying this had happened."

Brown said Kirk was the only member of the College Republicans who pretended to be a *Review* writer. Also, Brown said he has been unofficially told that Kirk forged a press identification pass, but that charge has not been confirmed. "Allegedly, Nick (Kirk) made a press I.D., got it laminated at Kinko's and signed my name to it," Brown said.

### Secretary of State Albright speaks at Rice

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright made her first major foreign policy address outside of Washington, D.C. last week at Rice University. The secretary of state's speech on Friday in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center, presented under the auspices of Rice's James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, aired live on CNN and C-SPAN, the first time a major event sponsored by Rice was available to viewers across the nation and around the world as it happened.

The driving force that produced this first for Rice was Albright. Her campus visit included bilateral talks with Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs Jose Angel Gurria, a press conference with Gurria, and her foreign policy address in the RMC.

Taking the Grand Hall stage with Albright were James A. Baker, III, the 61st secretary of state; Edward Djerejian, director of Rice's Baker Institute for Public Policy; and Gillis. Albright, the first female Secretary of State, chose Rice as the forum to deliver this key address in response to an invitation from Baker Institute officials more than a year ago, prior to her appointment by President Clinton to the secretary of state's post.

"This is my first official trip as secretary of state; and I can't imagine a better destination or more distinguished company," Albright said. Albright's visit, announced only a week prior, drew a crowd of hundreds to the Student Center-all hoping to claim one of the 575 seats available in the Grand Hall. Two hundred chairs were set aside for Rice students.

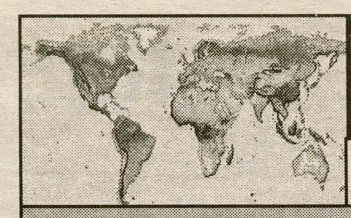
Visitors in one line and students in another gathered before noon in the Student Center. By 12:30 p.m., the lines extended the length of the center's corridor, through the double doors outside, and filled the drive-through overhang. Many waited nearly an hour in the cold, rainy weather for a chance to see the secretary of state.

About a year ago, The Baker Institute extended an invitation to Albright, then-ambassador to the United Nations, to speak at Rice. That invitation was reiterated upon Albright's nomination. Soon afterward the university received a handwritten note from Albright, which said, "I will somehow get down there to visit."

After a quick introduction, James A. Baker turned over the spotlight to the day's speaker, Albright.

"Last Tuesday, in his State of the Union address, President Clinton said that, 'To prepare America for the 21st century, we must master the forces of change in the world and keep American leadership strong and sure for an uncharted time.' Fortunately, thanks to the president's own leadership, and that of his predecessor President George Bush - Houston's most distinguished adopted son - I will begin work with the wind at my back."

# WORLD NEWS



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### Deng Xiaoping dead at 93

BEIJING - Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader whose economic pragmatism transformed a backward communist state but whose political authoritarianism led to the Tiananmen square massacre, died late Wednesday. Deng, 93, died at 9:08 p.m. local time in Beijing of complications from Parkinson's disease and a lung infection. Chinese sources close to the party said doctors performed an emergency tracheotomy on Deng before he died. Deng had not been seen in public since the 1994 Chinese Lunar New Year festival, when he appeared frail and faltering in a visit to Shanghai. Authorities decreed six days of mourning, but in contrast to the outpouring of grief following the death of Mao in 1976, Beijing residents reacted calmly and analysts dismissed fears of an immediate power struggle. Deng's anointed successor, Communist Party chief and state President Jiang Zemin, was appointed chairman of the funeral committee, which said no foreign dignitaries would be invited to the burial. According to one sinologist, Deng will be best remembered for his "Middle Kingdom" philosophy of rule which enabled him to infuse capitalism into China's economic structure without drifting too far away from communist ideology. Besides striking a balance between western capitalism and communist ideology, Deng was a shrewd diplomat as is evident in his often profitable dealings with both the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. (Associated Press and Reuter)

### North Korean state radio reports possible political shakeup

North Korea has named Vice Premier Hong Song Nam as its acting premier, Radio Pyongyang said early Friday. News of the appointment was disclosed in a radio report that Hong had sent a message of condolences on the death of Chinese paramount leader Deng Xiaoping under the title of acting premier, Tokyo-based news agency Radio Press and Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) said. Hong was one of nine vice premiers of the reclusive, Stalinist nation. North Korean Premier Kang Song San had not appeared in public since January 1, 1996. Meanwhile, talks on the high-profile North Korean defector Hwang Jang-yop have ceased due to Deng's death. (Agence France-Presse)

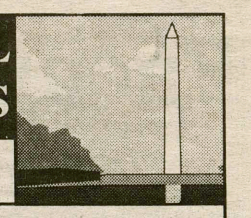
### Secrecy shrouds Zaire peace bid

Efforts to arrange face-to-face peace talks between Zaire's warring factions continued amid secrecy Thursday. At the same time, the government of Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko said it would launch fresh air strikes against enemy positions in the rebel-held areas and advised civilians to leave the war zone in eastern Zaire. A defense ministry statement, issued as South Africa tried to bring rebel leader Laurent Kabila and Mobutu's security adviser to the negotiating table, said the army was determined to recapture all enemy-held territory. Zaire accuses Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi of invading its territory to support the rebels, who took up arms in October and hold towns and territory in the east. The three neighboring countries deny the charge. The Tutsi-led rebels seek to topple Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire for 32 years. (CNN)

### Formal talks begin between Peru and Marxist rebels

LIMA - Peru officials and the Marxist rebels holding 72 hostages at the Japanese ambassador's home in Lima began their first formal negotiations Thursday since the hostage siege began. They were the highest-level talks since the rebels stormed the residence more than two months ago. After three rounds of "preliminary" talks with the rebels' second in command, government negotiator Domingo Palermo sat down with Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Amaru (MRTA) leader Nestor Cerpa Cartolini for nearly three-and-a-half hours at a safe house. It was the first time Cerpa had left the besieged Japanese ambassador's residence since he led a group of rebels in the raid on Dec. 17. He was driven to the meeting in a Red Cross car accompanied by his second-in-command Rolly Rojas, alias "The Arab." The MRTA rebels' demand for the release of some 400 jailed comrades has been a bitter sticking point with the government. President Alberto Fujimori insists he will not consider this demand, although he is prepared to let the hostage-takers seek asylum abroad. (Reuter)

# NATIONAL NEWS



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### Judge says new technology can decide whether gun killed King

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - New technology exists that could determine whether James Earl Ray's rifle killed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, a judge says. Judge Joe Brown's decision must now be reviewed by the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals before Brown can rule on Ray's request for a new test of the weapon. Ray is asking for that test in an attempt to take back his guilty plea and go to trial. Brown could not say when the appeals court will make its review. Ray, 68, pleaded guilty to murder in 1969 but reversed himself almost immediately and has been requesting a trial ever since. He claims he was set up to be the fall guy for the real killers. He contends the hunting rifle found at the murder scene with his fingerprints on it was put there by conspirators trying to frame him. To have new tests, Ray's lawyers must first convince the courts that improved technology can determine if the rifle found at the scene killed King. They would then have to show that test results in Ray's favor help prove his innocence. Ray has drawn support in his bid for a trial from civil rights leaders and from the family of King. Both his widow, Coretta Scott King, and son Dexter King urged Brown to put Ray on trial. "Even if no new light is shed on the facts concerning my husband's assassination, at least we and the nation can have the satisfaction of knowing that justice has run its course in this tragedy," Mrs. King said at today's hearing. The U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations had the King rifle tested in the 1970s, but because the slug was so mangled, could not establish beyond a scientific doubt that it was the murder weapon. (AP)

### Panel calls for speedup in 737 redesign

WASHINGTON - Federal safety investigators are stepping up the pressure to redesign the rudder controls on Boeing 737s, the world's most widely used airliner. Control problems are suspected in a pair of deadly crashes involving the jets. The National Transportation Safety Board called Thursday for a speedup in the control redesign and also urged additional training for flight crews in dealing with sudden rolls caused by unexpected rudder movement on the airliners. In particular, the board said, crews should be warned that under certain conditions the plane's rudder can reverse itself. Recent tests indicate that the jamming of a control valve leading to sudden reverse rudder "during normal pilot response can no longer be considered an extremely improbable or an extremely remote event," the safety board reported. The 737 is the most widely used civil airliner in the world with 2,705 of the twinjets flying, including 1,115 in the United States. (AP)

### Expert panel: medical use of marijuana worth study

BETHESDA, MD. - Sparse but promising evidence indicates smoking marijuana may ease the suffering of some seriously ill patients, but more study is needed before the drug's medical value is understood, a panel of experts said Thursday. At a news conference interrupted repeatedly by pro-marijuana demonstrators, the experts assembled by the National Institutes of Health spoke of intriguing hints that marijuana smoking helps some patients with cancer, AIDS or glaucoma. "For at least some indications (medical uses), it looks promising enough that there should be some new controlled studies," said Dr. William T. Beaver, a professor of pharmacology at Georgetown University School of Medicine and the panel's chairman. Although a final committee report is incomplete, "the general mood was that for some indications, there is a rationale for looking further into the therapeutic effects of marijuana," Beaver said. The committee appeared at a news conference after two days of hearings during which members reviewed scientific literature on medical use of marijuana and heard from other experts. Dr. Alan Leshner, head of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, organized the meeting after California and Arizona enacted state laws that allow medical uses of marijuana. (AP)

# Faculty, students key in building Class of 2001

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also important goals of the Admission Office.

But diversity seems to be a priority, according to Fuller. The admission officers will try to do their best to enroll a number of minority and foreign students, he said.

Because of the larger number of applications and higher selectivity, the acceptance rate this year is expected to be lower than in the last couple of years. The Admission Office has set a goal to enroll 450 students, which is lower in comparison with the 499 and 491 students enrolled in the classes of 2000 and 1999 respectively.

One hundred and twenty of the 450 students that are supposed to matriculate at Hamilton this year were accepted on the Early Decision Plan. The number of students accepted has gone down by 19 since the last year. In addition, a drop in the number of male applicants has been compensated by a large increase in the number of female applicants.

The good news, Fuller said, is that the improved admissions statistics have resulted from a college-wide effort from faculty and students. Thanks to the cooperation of Katheryn Doran, chair of the Faculty Committee on Admission, a new program that links the best applicants with the faculty has been developed.

The program enables highly competitive prospectives to get additional information on every aspect of Hamilton's academics, and to get involved with the College before they matriculate.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

**Two prospectives tour the campus with Celia Nichols '99.**

Students who wish to learn to more about the College may submit a form that details their interests to the Admissions Office. Admissions officers then pass these forms along to the Faculty Committee on Admission, which assigns faculty members to talk with these students.

The development of a new viewbook may have also contributed to the larger number of prospective students. The viewbook is based on Hamilton students' stories, making it more interesting and accessible, according to Fuller. The viewbook also includes a new foreword by President Eugene M. Tobin.

The foreword, which is in story form, relates Tobin's experience on the Hill to the critical, analytical and creative skills that students obtain at Hamilton.

And last, but not least, it is the professionalism of the admission officers that ensures the construction of a new class of excellent students, according to Fuller.

"I've worked in this profession for 19 years," he said. "I believe this is the finest admi. ions and financial aid staff I've been working with."

In an article for the 1997 Princeton Review Edition of The Best College For You, Fuller said, "I believe, as do my admissions colleagues, that our job is to help young people, their parents and counselors understand what each of our institutions is truly about and whether ours is the right place for someone to spend four years.

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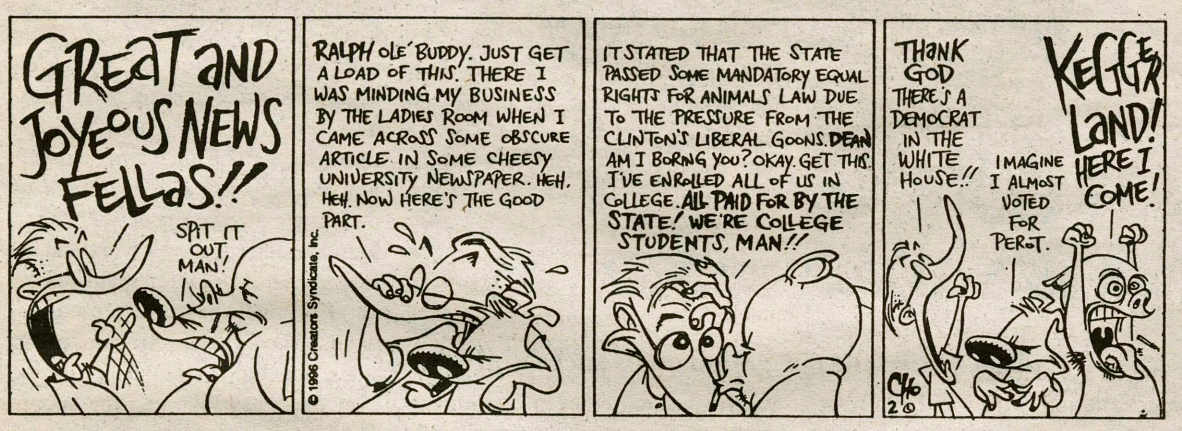
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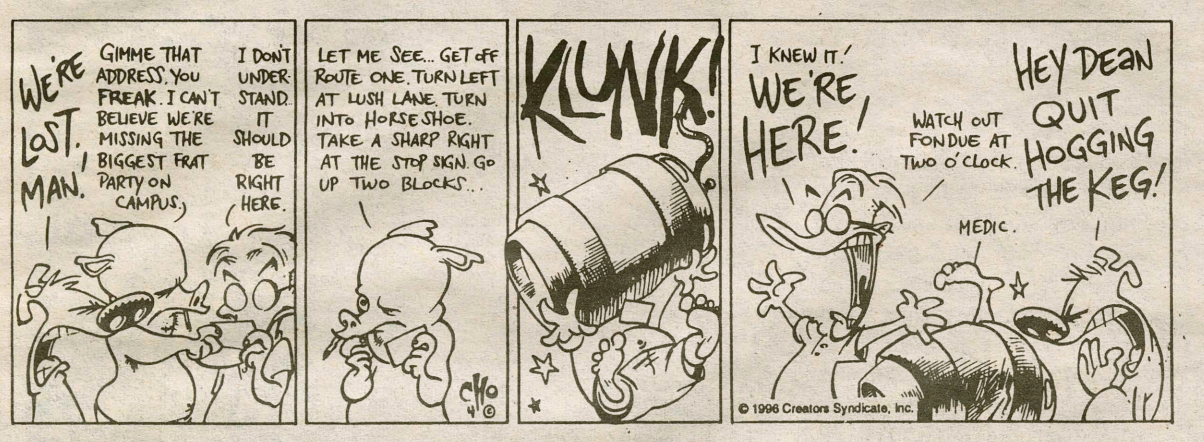
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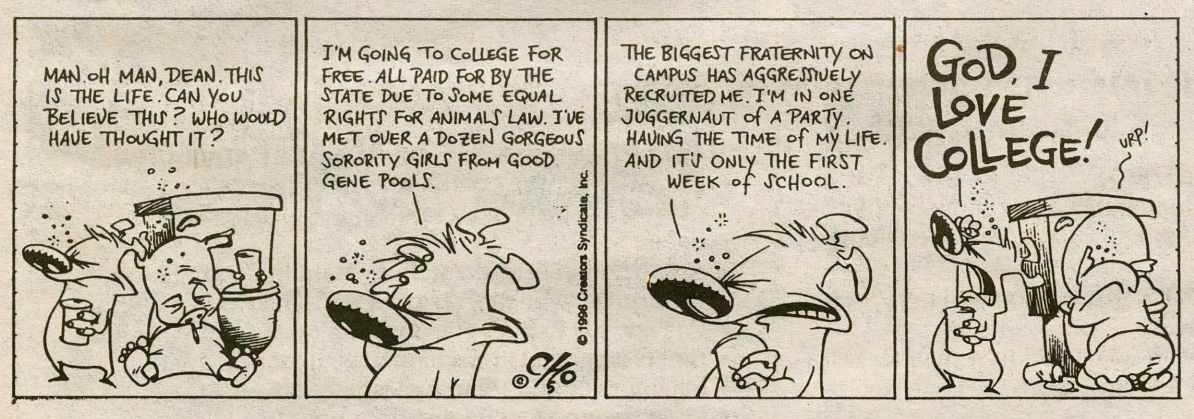
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# SECURITY BLOTTER

*- compiled by Joe Freeman '00*

**FEBRUARY 13**

1:25 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Bundy West.

10:40 p.m. Personal property was reported stolen from Alumni Gym.

**FEBRUARY 14**

1:30 a.m. Security confiscated a keg on the walk way near Bienecke Village.

**FEBRUARY 15**

8:55 a.m. A smoke detector set off the fire alarm in South.

12:30 p.m. A trash fire was set outside of ELS.

2:20 p.m. A car was reported vandalized in Babbitt Lot.

**FEBRUARY 16**

3:45 a.m. A fire alarm was pulled in Milbank.

3:47 a.m. A fire alarm was pulled in McIntosh.

3:48 a.m. A fire alarm was pulled in Keehn.

6:25 a.m. Vandalism was discovered in McEwen Dining Hall.

**FEBRUARY 17**

9:00 p.m. HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Sage Rink.

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# Model U.N. delegation takes annual Harvard conference by storm

By Sarah Byrne '00
FEATURES WRITER

The bitter cold of another central New York Thursday morning bites at our fingers. We carry too many pounds of luggage from our warm, comfy rooms to McEwen Dining Hall. As we sit around the breakfast table I notice that many others have not made it out of bed so early. Those brave souls at my table who have, look as tired as I feel. With some cheerful conversation about nothing in particular, and the knowledge that we would be off campus for a weekend, each of these faces began to slowly break into smiles.

There was some anxiety as time passed and the Jitneys were nowhere to be found. Finally the two blue-grey vans pulled into McEwen Circle and all sixteen of us piled in, Boston bound.

About five and a half hours and three bathroom stops later we entered the bustling grandeur of the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers.

After lugging bags up to our rooms (the budget did not provide for bell hops), we changed into appropriate attire and attempted to assemble in one room. The seemingly simple task was made difficult by the arrival of President Clinton's Secret Service Advance Team. It seems that the President is planning a trip to Boston, perhaps to introduce Chelsea, who was recently accepted at Harvard, to the city.

Just as we were loading the last of our suitcases into our rooms, at least a dozen men with close-cropped hair started pushing carts of grey cases into the hallway. We had to snake our way through computers, faxes, coaxle cable, and bomb detecting devices to make it into our rooms.

Still, by 6 p.m. all 2000 plus delegates from fifteen nations of the world assembled under the huge crystal chandeliers in the Imperial Ballroom for opening ceremonies.

The weekend's schedule hardly provided us with time to breathe. The first committee sessions were set to convene later that evening for four long hours. But the grueling schedule did not trouble us. This trip to the forty-third session of the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) was to be the culmination of several months of preparation for Hamilton's own model U.N. delegation: Yao Odamtten '98, Matt Kane '99, Araaf Mochny '98, Philip Budihardjo '00, Amy Dunkle '99, Nathaniel Hurd '99, Sarah Byrne '00, Steven Riccardi '99, Ngoc Do '00, Harmony Prosser '00, Jack Spangler '00, Tamar Scoggin '00, Nicole Davidson '99, Brian Giacometti '99, "Buzz" Carobus '98, Amela Porca '99, and faculty advisor Patrick Peters.

Headed up by our dedicated student coordinator, Davidson, the group had done research on the positions of Hamilton's two assigned nations' (Iraq and Kuwait) positions on specific topics dealing with matters of international concern assigned by the directors of the conference. Each of these topic areas needed to be thoroughly understood by the delegates, as they would need to use their knowledge of the topics in formulating resolutions to protect the national interests of their country.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

**Nicole Davidson '99 led the delegation on its successful trip.**

Truly, the HNMUN's purpose is to demonstrate the nature of the real United Nations to delegates through simulation of certain aspects of the U.N. From Thursday night through Sunday morning delegates met in a total of twenty-two hours of committee sessions during which they experienced extremes of excitement and frustration over their committee's resolutions.

The point of the conference was not for each of the committees to come up with resolutions to solve enormous problems that even the real United Nations cannot get a handle on, but rather to teach students about the roles of compromise and consensus in international negotiation. These points were made very clear over the course of the four days. If a minority of nations was not willing to compromise with the majority, that minority was shut out of the drafting of resolutions, and therefore the concerns of the minority were not addressed in the resolution.

This was extremely frustrating for delegates representing nations, like Iraq, which do not generally enjoy compromise with the western states. As Iraqi delegate Hurd put it, "once again the countries that now comprise the Third World are being driven into the ground by the evil and tyrannical heel of western imperialism."

As well as being a great hands-on type learning experience, the trip proved to be great fun. There were periods of time when the delegates were free to roam about Boston. Whether on Newbury Street or through nearby Chinatown, students roamed the city with members of their own delegation or with newfound friends from Universidad de Buenos Aires or Union College.

Eventually Sunday afternoon arrived. The Jitneys were packed up again and the troops headed home over the Mass Pike and the snowy Thruway. As we approached "home" with the radio tuned to an oldies station we sang along gleefully, pausing only to ask, "Mom (Nicole), are we there yet?" I knew that this weekend would be one I would remember not because we all had a fun time in a wonderful city, but because of all the great people that had been there with me.

# FACES IN THE CROWD — LIZ JACKSON '97

By Shauna Wreschner '00
FEATURES WRITER

If anyone tries to imply that Hamilton students are apathetic, all they would have to do is meet senior Liz Jackson to see the falseness of that statement. In Jackson's four years atop the Hill, she has become an impressive and very essential part of the Hamilton community.

One of the many activities Liz takes pride in is being a student coordinator for this season's Alternative Spring Break. Liz has been a part of the program since her first year at the College, where she traveled with 45 students to one of the many areas ravaged by Hurricane Andrew in Florida. The students spent their break laying foundations and framing houses for the victims, in conjunction with HAVOC and Habitat for Humanity. Since then Liz has returned to that area to help with construction with metal framing.

Liz became a student leader during her sophomore year. She decided to offer her services as a sight leader for one of the Alternative Spring Break trips. She was taken up on her offer right away.

This year there were so many applicants to the program that two extra trips were added to make a total of five trips made up of sixty-six students.

Liz has continued to lead trips into March of her senior year, when she will lead the group going to Florida City, Florida. Her particular group is working with the Centro-Campesino Farm Workers Center to renovate the farmers' homes and provide volunteers in the community's child-care center. The four other groups will be working with nature conservancy programs in Bristol, Florida; Rome, Georgia; Nashville, Tennessee and Albany, Georgia.

Most of the new "nature conservancy" programs are in deference to the large demand of Hamilton students for camping and nature trips. The students on these particular trips will be camping out under the stars and cleaning and renovating worn trailheads and peaks.

Another program Liz has spent most her time on is being a "Big Sister" to an eleven year old girl in Utica. For the past three years Liz has taken her "little sister" out shopping, skating, swimming, and sledding. Each time they get together Liz tries to make sure that their activities are outings that her "little sister" would not otherwise get a chance to experience.

On top of these accomplishments Liz has taken on two new positions in her senior year. For the first time Liz is serving as a Resident Advisor in North Residence Hall, which she finds enjoyable. "I wanted to work with first-years. After four years of college I felt I could offer my knowledge of Hamilton and the 'college experience' to new students, and I have found it very rewarding," she said.

Liz also serves as co-chair of the newly established Residence Hall Council. However, most of her energy is spent specifically working on the Housing Lottery Commission.

As a graduating senior Liz has a different perspective of Hamilton to leave to the underclassmen, "Hamilton is what you make of it. I feel I've taken advantage of all the opportunities available to me. You can do anything you set your mind to here."

Liz is a prime example of someone practicing what they preach. It is rare to find someone who has taken more advantage of the wide array of experiences open to motivated college students. The only question is how does she plan to fill her schedule after graduation? Somehow, we don't think this will be a problem.

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**Senior Liz Jackson is involved in all aspects of Hamilton life.**

# Bon Appetit offers students rare chance to 'eat at Joe's'

By Kristen Holderle '00
FEATURES WRITER

The dining halls have undergone many changes this year, including the addition of new menu items, changes in the preparation of food, and movements to make the cafeterias more accessible to people when they want to eat. Joe Cappa, the General Manager of Bon Appetit has done a lot of work and listened to the opinions of many students in order to get feedback on what should be done to improve the food service on campus.

There are many ways in which students can give their opinions about the service that Bon Appetit offers here on the Hill. In each of the dining halls, there are comment cards where students can make suggestions on what they like or dislike. Joe also emails fifty students a week in order to get their feedback. Other forms of communication include the "Power of the Spoon" which has recently been improved so that students can make comments as to why they liked or disliked the food, hopefully making the system more effective.

One of the latest ways of getting student feedback has been the "Eat at Joe's" series. This is a series of forums where Joe goes into the dormitories and meets with students so that they can discuss things they would like to see changed in the dining halls. So far, these discussions have been successful, and many things have been done to improve the quality of meals here at Hamilton. "We have a lot of fun," said Cappa, "and I tell them that no matter what they say, they are not going to hurt my feelings. I am here to make things as good for students as possible."

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One of the biggest concerns that students have is getting food that is healthier and lower in fat. In response to this, a pasta bar has been added in both Commons and McEwen where students can get their own pasta, with their choice of meatless or cheese sauces. Bars have been added every day which include such things as fajitas, baked potatoes, tacos, wings, and chili. Low fat cereals have been included in the choice of breakfast items, and recipes for low-fat muffin options have been included in the menu. A hot cereal bar has opened which includes both oatmeal and Cream of Wheat for those who want something warm in the mornings.

Many people have also commented on the new Freshen's frozen yogurt machine, and according to Cappa, its new flavors have been well received by the student body. The most popular seem to be Chocolate Mint, Cookies & Cream, and Cookie Dough.

Cappa has also order an upgrade of the toppings available for the frozen yogurt so that they now include crushed Oreo cookies and Butterfingers candies.

In addition to these menu changes, individual changes have been made to each dining hall. In McEwen for instance, the desserts were moved from the windowsill to another location because students complained that the sun was drying out the selections.

Also, a new low fat dessert was added, at least one per day, and Bon Appetit is currently looking at new recipes for more low fat goodies.

Because some concern has been raised about the temperature of some of the food items, the staff is keeping an eye on that, as well as making sure that the soups remain fresh and well stocked.

In Commons, the hot cereal bar has been extended until 11:00 a.m. so that it will be more accessible to students. Also, there has been an effort to make soy milk and Rice Dream more accessible due to student request for milk alternatives. Another problem in Commons has to do with the salad bar.

The bar's location is too crowded, and Bon Appetit is trying to find another place where the bar can be put so that it will not be in the way of direct traffic and things can be more spread out.

Flaked tuna, without mayonnaise, has also been added to the Deli for those students who are concerned about their fat intake, or wish to eat in a more healthy manner.

Other changes were made to both dining halls. These include the addition of a new Bagel Breakfast sandwich in the mornings, clear, plastic containers to keep the bagels fresh, and new self-service vegetable steamers.

Students have also asked for the old cereal containers back because they don't like the way that the new ones crunch the cereal when it is distributed.

Many people have asked for more entrees including chicken fingers and patties, especially in McEwen where these are not usually available; and Bon Appetit is trying to include more of these items in their daily menu.

The Howard Diner has also undergone several changes. These include the addition of chicken nuggets upon request, along with a California fajita wrap sandwich. They are also trying to incorporate more "real" foods into their menu. Wednesday night, for example, is pasta night, and they are also experimenting with dishes such as lasagna and eggplant parmesan which will give students the options of fuller, more hearty meals.

According to Joe, much remains to be done to improve the food service. Bon Appetit is currently collecting recipes from students and parents in order to try and make home cooked meals part of the future dining experience. He also wants to shift around the meal plans for the 2-4 p.m. time slot, and he is working on a system that will be more flexible for students who, for example, wish to come in for coffee in the morning without using up a whole meal.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

**Joe Cappa met with concerned students in the Dunham First Floor Lounge Thursday night.**

All of the things that have been done have come about as a result of student suggestions. Joe Cappa is eager to hear what everyone has to say. "The customer drives what I do," he said. He wants to hear feedback from students so that he can make the dining experience better. He welcomes students to email him or to stop by his office in McEwen to offer any advice they may have about improving the food service. For anyone who has other suggestions, there is always the option of using the comment cards or the "power of the spoon."

Cappa is more than happy to accommodate people if they have any problems, questions or concerns.

For those who wish to attend his "Eat at Joe's" series, posters have been placed around campus which list the times and places of the events. Everyone who has any comments or suggestions is welcome to attend and speak out about the dining experience here at Hamilton.

Joe says he can't stress enough the importance of student input in the food service reforms. Bon Appetit is offering student a rare chance to have a real say how their dinning halls are to be run. If there is something the bothers you about the service they want to know.

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# RILEY'S OCCASIONAL RAMBLINGS

RILEY FENNER

Lots of options exist at this college for students who want to earn some money holding down a campus job. You can sit at a desk in the library, make sure that only your fellow Hamiltonians use the athletic center, or, best of all, you can flip burgers in Commons.

Some students however, would like to earn money but are probably turned off by the constant schedules or long hours of most campus jobs. For those students, some of the following alternative jobs might be more appealing.

Some people really enjoy decorating the walls of their room. This can involve covering every inch of wall space with the latest posters, postcards from your friends, pictures you have taken, or your own original artwork. In any case, by the time you have looked at your walls for an entire year, you very well may never want to see what you put there ever again. Students who find themselves in this position should have the option of leaving the decorations there.

This is because there are some students, on the other end of the spectrum, who loathe the thought of decorating their walls. Those students would have the option of paying a little extra money to move into a decorated room. The decorators would receive the greater portion of this money for their work, while the school would retain a small fee for coordinating this service.

Really all the school would have to do to facilitate this new service would be to arrange tours of the predecorated rooms to ensure that no one would be stuck with a room they didn't like.

Another needed service for some students would provide a source of income for other members of the college community. Some people have a disability which renders them incapable of waking up in the morning, even when aided by the loudest alarm clocks that can be bought legally. These same students might be more likely to wake up to the sound of their phone, however, seeing as a phone call holds the possibility of being a message informing you that class is cancelled.

Students could pay a fee for being awoken for their classes for an entire semester, which could be reduced if they only had trouble waking up for certain classes. Other students, the ones who wake up before their alarms go off every morning, could benefit from helping their peers improve their attendance records by budgeting a little extra time for making wakeup calls before class. However, encouraging students to be dependent on wakeup calls could backfire if the students performing the service happened to be having a rough morning.

Another disagreeable task that many Hamilton students would pay to get out of dealing with is dropping off papers or lab reports in buildings located across the campus from their residence. Other students who enjoy walking for exercise could charge small fees for dropping off papers. These services would probably be performed to a large extent by students with bicycles or cars, since they would be able to move papers across campus more quickly for their peers who put off writing them until the last minute.

If these campus jobs were made available, the school would be closer to providing the ideal job opportunity to every student on the campus who wanted to make money. Not everyone likes a job involving sitting at a desk or flipping burgers, but those who don't might prefer talking to hungover kids on the phone every morning or riding their bike through a blizzard to meet a deadline.

# The China Buffet, McEwen of the Far East?

BY BECCA SAVAGE '99
AND MARK FIELDS '98
FEATURES WRITERS

The China Buffet, located off Commercial Drive near Pier 1, is not exactly your average Chinese restaurant, but for $7.95 you can eat as much as you want from their salad/buffet bar along with plenty of free water. It makes a great place to go if you're not a big spender, want some food quickly or simply feel like pigging out.

The setting is informal and there is basically no service except for a few "waiters" taking drink orders or cleaning up. You can seat yourself and usually have a wide range of tables to choose from since the two dining rooms are rarely full. The florescent lights and carpet littered with fortune cookie wrappers do not offer much in terms of ambiance, but the large store front windows do give customers a great view of Commercial Drive.

The most convenient aspect about The China Buffet is the fact that you can walk in, toss your jacket down and immediately get your food. They have eliminated the hassle of dealing with waiters and menus, the boredom of waiting for your meal, and the risk that what you order will look nothing like what you thought you had ordered. Although this sounds a lot like Commons/McEwen, the food is considerably better.

Many people do have some bias against salad bar sanitation, however, we were quite pleased with the cleanliness and upkeep of the serving section. There seems to be a constant stream of workers at the buffet replacing empty trays and wiping up messy drips on the counters. Another plus is that customers are free to sample as many of the wide variety of dishes they offer. People of every eating persuasion, with the exception of maybe Kosher or vegan, could find something worth eating, and plenty of it

Included in the extensive range of American Chinese foods are *Wonton Soup, Vegetable Stir Fry, Hot and Sour Chicken, Pork Fried Rice, Chicken with Broccoli,* and of course, *Egg Rolls.* There is also an abundant tray of sticky white rice available to accompany your entree selections, as well as biscuits (which were more like fried dough) and crunchy fried chips. We encourage you to try a variety of these dishes in order to get a taste of what The China Buffet has to offer, and to not be bashful when going up for seconds.

On the other end of the buffet is an ordinary salad bar equipped with your normal salad essentials and condiments, as well as some cut fruit, oranges and honey-dew melon. If you are not in the mood for a fruit dessert, try the soft-serve ice cream machine or one of the two dessert selections in the rear of the main dining room. We advise skipping the prepared dessert options because of their resemblance to airline dinner treats.

The China Buffet is perfect for certain occasions. Head there when you are really hungry and you will leave really full. If you want a really quick meal before a movie, or if you can't decide what you are in the mood for, The China Buffet is definitely better than the fast-food Chinese restaurant in the Sangertown Mall. Otherwise, it is not the sort of place that we would recommend for "a nice dinner out." The food is decent, the service is as good as it needs to be, the choice is broad, and the price is economical for an all-you-can-eat dinner, considering the available choices.

**The *Spec* appoligizes to Mark Fields '98 who was inadvertently omitted from the review by-line last week**

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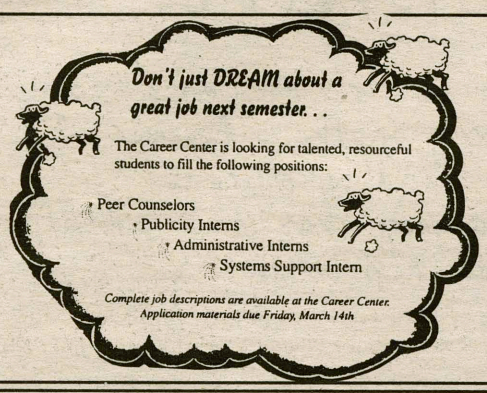
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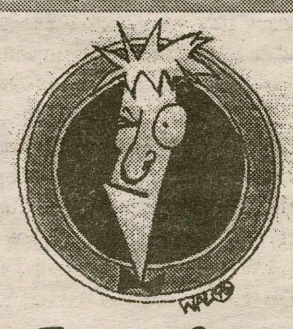

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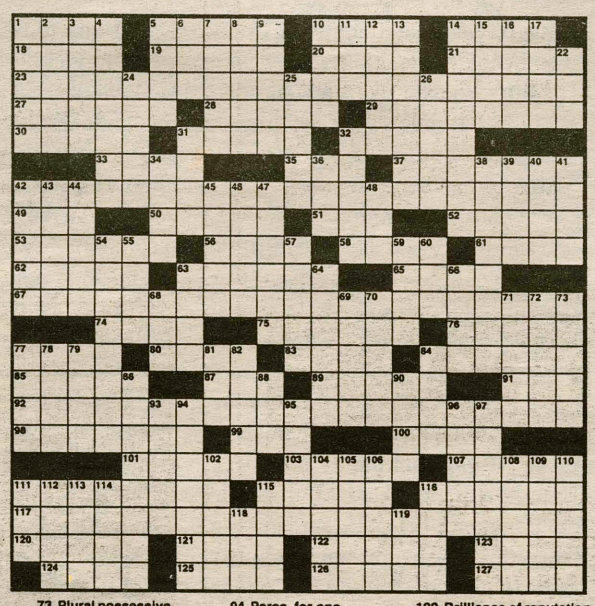

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# EDITORIAL

## An opportunity to establish Hamilton as a leader

Currently, Hamilton College is in the process of conducting a year long curriculum review which is being lead by professor of economics Christophre Georges. This self evaluation is a critical element of any institution of higher learning which seeks to remain vital and relevant, and to avoid a state of intellectual stasis.

Clearly, the committee is well aware of the responsibilities it has undertaken, and that the consequences of any decisions arrived at will be felt by the Hamilton community for years to come. It is for this reason that there are certain issues which cannot be overlooked.

First, the oral proficiency requirement must be explored in some depth. The art of rhetoric had been an integral part of Hamilton's curriculum since the days when an address in Latin before the entire student body was a requirement to graduate. The oral proficiency requirement existed in one form or another until relatively recently when it took the form of a mere suggestion in the beginning of the Course Catalog that students should seek to gain some sort of oral skills. Perhaps it may be a good idea to reinstate this requirement in the form of courses designated as "oral-intensive." This would assure that each student would leave Hamilton with at least the most rudimentary speaking skills.

Second, the committee should seriously look into reinstating Hamilton's "J-term." J-term, abolished in the spring of 1986, provided an opportunity for students to broaden the scope of their liberal arts education through an intensive study of one subject between semesters. These courses could range from seminars on "individualism" to trips abroad. Ostensibly, the J-term was abolished in order to allow for the creation of senior projects within the students' declared concentrations. Most departments do not require a senior project for the major, so this is really not an adequate replacement for J-term. Furthermore, the argument put forth by many faculty members was that J-term detracted from their resources in working with seniors on their theses. Since J-term occurred between semesters, this is a fairly weak argument.

Finally, Hamilton should look into the creation of a foreign language requirement. Imagine if every business and every graduate and professional school knew that any person holding a Hamilton degree was proficient in at least one other language. Certainly, Hamilton graduates would have an edge over those from rival institutions.

The keys to improving Hamilton lie in the hands of the Curriculum Review Committee, not in restrictive residential policies or common meal plans. Hamilton is widely regarded as a follower among small, northeastern colleges. Let us take advantage of this opportunity to establish ourselves as a leader.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## La Vanguardia tells of injustice

Dear Hamilton Community,

It is an insult that Hamilton College pretends to be a safe haven for ALL of its community members. Clearly, many members of the Hamilton community are silenced or outcast by the politics of power on the Hill. Hamilton College has the power to prevent and discontinue behavior that is offensive and degrading to any member of its community. However, Hamilton does not execute such powers in that it ignores the severity of issues regarding racism, sexism, anti-Semitism and hatred.

Although Hamilton has policies that should prevent disrespectful and unacceptable behavior, such policies remain potential and ineffective if they are not reinforced. Such a flaw serves as a catalyst to discriminatory and harmful actions that furthermore induce an uncomfortable environment for our community members. Hamilton is obligated to create an environment where ALL students can feel safe and secure, but obviously fails to do so. Hamilton College should enforce its policies to make sure that our campus respects and acknowledges all of its constituents. This is their duty! Individuals who degrade other students on campus clearly do not belong here. If this environment is supposed to be nurturing and supportive of all of its members, all community members have the right to feel safe and welcomed at Hamilton.

Hamilton College can not claim that it is dedicated to diversity simply because it has a multi-cultural course requirement. This is not enough! If Hamilton is really dedicated to forming an environment that respects and acknowledges all cultures, then the Hamilton College policies that promote such should be reinforced.

**La Vanguardia**

## The dangers of Hamilton College

Dear Hamilton Community,

Did you know that you may attend classes, eat common meals and live with individuals who have been and are a threat to the Hamilton community? Hamilton College's policies concerning the safety and comfort of our community are extremely lenient on students who violate such policies. In other words, extremely lenient on criminals. As a result, Hamilton indirectly condones inappropriate behavior.

Regardless of the damge these criminals produce, they have the same rights as the rest of the Hamilton community. For example a student on social probation could not be caught in a repeated violation because this will result in expulsion...but who is doing the supervising? Many of the violations of the College's policies are discarded and overridden by the fact that there is no "hard evidence." And what exactly is hard evidence? Does the College have to see crosses burning in order to reaffirm that racism exists at Hamilton? Do we need to see swastikas to confirm that there is anti-Semitism on the Hill? Do we have to have real testimony to verify that rape and sexual assault are predominant here?

We believe a zero-tolerence policy, concerning the violation of any of the College's policies, should be implemented. If students understood that behavior that threatened, discriminated or disrespected any member of the Hamilton community would not be tolerated and would result in expulsion, these criminals would think twice about violating policies and would not be allowed to strike before real action is taken. The leniency of our College's policies implies that the College is more concerned about the reputation and welfare of these criminals than for the safety and comfort of the rest of our community.

If we feel uncomfortable and unsafe at Hamilton, then Hamilton is not doing its job in keeping us safe and comfortable. Some of us have suffered from environmentally induced learning disabilities and cannot progress in our chosen areas of study because of the blatant racism and sexism that exist here. Every student deserves to live in a space that is non-threatening and encouraging to both academic and social life. However, this is not the case at Hamilton. Why should we feel threatened and vulnerable at Hamilton? We come from neighborhoods that are some of the most dangerous in New York City and if we don't feel threatened there, then why should we feel threatened at Hamilton (where the crime rate is said to be less than one percent)? Hamilton should be ashamed of this fact. Just thought we would enlighten you!

**Sandra Cepeda '97**
**Leonie Smith '97**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Alumni correct historical mistake

Editor,

We are writing to bring your attention to a glaring error in a story in the February 7 edition of *The Spectator*. In an article about an alumni trip to Nevice, Suzanne Dougherty stated that Alexander Hamilton was Hamilton's founder. As any prospective student should learn during the College tour, Hamilton was founded by Samuel Kirkland. Mr. Hamilton served as a trustee, but never visited the Hill. We all matriculated in Kirland's cottage, the small building now located between Commons and Buttrick.

For a complete history of the College's early years, refer to Walter Pilkington's (1962) "Hamilton College: A History."

**Ann Adler '85**
**Andrew Winner '84**

## Female care at Rudd insufficient

Editor,

What medical services does Hamilton provide for women? If you had a gynecological problem, what would the Health Center be able to do for you? The answer may surprise you. Many women assume that the person who deals with women's health at the Health Center is a gynecologist or, if not, that you would be referred to one if you called with a problem. Unfortunately, Hamilton does not have a gynecologist on staff or even one that comes in occasionally. There is a general practice medical doctor who comes to campus twice every week, but no corresponding option specifically for women's health. What the Health Center has is a Nurse Practitioner who "specializes in women's health." She is not a medical doctor. Hamilton has nothing to offer a woman who has a gynecological problem. This is a troublesome and hazardous fact. What I am proposing is simple: that we women demand equal care for our bodies by insisting that a gynecologist be made available to us on a regular basis.

I know many of you are going to say that a gynecologist is a specialist, an unnecessary "extra" that a woman could seek out on her own if she had a problem. That attitude reflects an internalization of the sexism that we are allowing Hamilton to institutionalize. As a woman, my reproductive/gynecological needs are a basic part of my health needs, they are a daily reality for all women. Gynecological health is inseparable from women's physical well-being. When I discovered the reality of health services for women at Hamilton, I was appalled and outraged. If Hamilton were an all women's college, would there be a gynecologist available to the students? Why should it be any different if they make up half the student body?

Hamilton cannot claim to be an equitable coeducational institution and not provide equal health care for its women students. This situation is unjust and downright dangerous. It is an example of the blatant sexism that we tolerate at Hamilton without complaint. If you read this, please think about it and talk to your friends. If you are as alarmed and upset about this as I am or have had your own questionable experience as a result of this situation, I strongly encourage you to express your concerns to President Tobin. He is available on the Adirondack Porch in Beineke every Monday at 1:00 P.M. Please do what you can to change this unacceptable situation.

**Katherine Rasin '97**

## Writer clarifies earlier letter

Editor,

In light of the responses I received after last week's letter to the editor, I believe an explanation is in order. Last week's letter to the editor was written after hearing about several alleged incidents against Hamilton students. Last week's letter was not a question; it was a statement. I (and the other students who wrote the letter) as a member of the Hamilton community, will not tolerate harassment against students of color, prejudice against others of different sexual/affectional orientation, thefts of articles from the Little Pub, the vandalizing of individuals' doors, or any other infractions against Hamilton College. These infractions affect me, my child, my friends, and all of us who make up the Hamilton community. The letter was not a "typical complaint," nor was it meant to belittle Hamilton.

Some of us have been at Hamilton for at least three years. We obviously feel that there are aspects of Hamilton worth our while or we would not be here. However, acts of violence, hatred, prejudice, racism, and sexism (including heterosexism) are not worth our while. These acts need to be more than questioned; they need to be punished, and that is why we wrote our letter to the editor last week.

**Josie Collier '97**

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# An unforgettable experience: losing your phone sex virginity

MARK GRANOVSKY
BARELY BREATHING

After a four week sabbatical, I decided to return to our beloved newspaper as a columnist. My goal for this space is to be a maverick in the world of journalism. I want to bring a unique and hopefully insightful perspective to life. After working as sports editor for three semesters, I look at this as a new and exciting challenge. With this introduction, I will proceed.

I once heard a joke about a man who goes into a psychologist's office. The psychologist will draw different pictures and the man will respond with what he sees. He draws a bird and the man says, "Sex." The psychologist draws a house and the man answers, "Sex." This pattern continues for the next five minutes.

At the end of the session, the psychologist tells the man, "I think I've found your problem, everything you think about is sex, and its controlling your life." The man answers innocently, "But you're the one drawing the dirty pictures."

Such is living in 1997. Yet, I wanted to try something with my first column to raise larger concerns of modern society. A little investigative reporting never hurt anyone. I decided to create a new identity for myself and call a sex hotline.

Why would a respected college student reduce himself to one of the netherworlds of society? Let us understand that this is a multimillion dollar industry supported by all walks of life. As a public writer, I feel that it is necessary to tell what happens during these services and why they are dangerous. Dangerous to both people involved.

I called late one weekday afternoon. My new identity, "George," stands 6'2" with blond hair and blue eyes. He is an 18 year old college student from Syracuse. The sun is setting slowly and yawns abound on the faces of students. Anticipation of the five P.M. dinner and three hours of homework danced in my head as I dialed the number.

After giving my credit card information, I was put on hold for a good few minutes. A throaty and sultry voice answered the phone and I introduced my alias. She described herself as a 5'4" student of advertising. She was from Miami. In the brilliance of this service, the woman talks slowly to increase the amount of time one spends on the telephone.

It took me two minutes to realize the tragedy of this situation. The woman tried to give me examples of her prowess, but it was pointless and nauseating. Her tales of explicit evenings would make even the Marquis de Sade frigid. I felt sympathy for this woman. She has no identity, a mere phantom of a man's imagination. She told me that she receives between 20-25 calls a day from doctors, lawyers, teachers, and husbands. None of these gentlemen care about her, only to please their unsatisfied desires. It is a morbid and thankless occupation.

My senses are not working right. This is exciting?, This is enjoyable? I grow angry and interrupt her. "Miss, I have to go. Can I give you a call at home?" The woman grows curt and says "No. I don't even know who you are." Finally, I have the upper-hand in this unforgettable conversation. "Oh. Now you know how I feel."

I hung up the phone with an unseen grin. Although I lost twenty five dollars, I regained my identity and integrity. I became my mother's son once again. It felt good to be Mark Granovsky and I ended George's life with a dial tone.

What worries me about these hotlines is how they respond to a larger problem. I genuinely believe that as a society, we are unable to socialize anymore. It is easier to play a video game, play a tape, or surf the Internet than to interact with real people.

These phone services are more than a business. They are a substitute for love and affection. We have become a world where "I want you" is a substitute for "I love you." And businesses have made millions off this phrase.

As I began my evening ritual to Commons and Burke, I remembered that this woman was an advertising major. She is obviously a good student: she managed to sell everything except herself. That may win her points in fantasy, but she's a loser in my world. She better be careful. Her next call may not be as kind. And someone is liable to get hurt.

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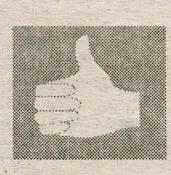

**Bobby Peru comedy festival**

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## THUMBS DOWN

# Value of off campus housing

MARK LILIENTHAL
GLASS HOUSES

I believe that before one slanders, one should praise. Thus, I begin this week's column by singing the praises of the "new" Hamilton. Students attending our fine institution are, by and large, happy, sophisticated, and interested young people. What we lack in heterogeneity we make up for with the vigorous spirit of debate, challenging all thoughts fed to us by professors and our peers alike. Bon Appetit has introduced tasty "wraps" at the Howard Diner; the Fourth Annual Cabin Fever Chili Cook-off was a resounding success, despite a mediocre (and rather bland) entry in the Rocket Fuel category. Necessary discussion is taking place throughout our community concerning the curriculum review process; I am confident (as should you be) that the faculty and trustees of our College will create a splendid new framework for the academic Hamilton.

As for the College's future, however, my mind is not completely placated. If Hamilton's wish to graduate mature, reflective, independent young people is more than an image created to assuage parents' fears, the College has one major step to make concerning students' living situations. Let us be blunt: Living in the village of Clinton is a marvelous experience for everyone involved.

First, the students renting apartments downtown provide a significant economic boost for the area's landlords. When discussing Hamilton with parents and high school students, I am continually grilled about the rapport between the townspeople and the Hamilton community. I live next to Dartmouth College, and I can luckily say that our situation here is far superior. Whereas Dartmouth students make the "townies" uncomfortable with their staunch Republicanism and obnoxious "me first" attitudes, Hamilton has established, I think, a splendid relationship with the town. It is a dependent relationship: we need each other to be successful. My favorite way of describing the lifestyle of a Hamilton student is this: town merchants put signs in their windows declaring, "Welcome Hamilton students." And you know what? We *are* welcome in their shops; I have had many a friendly, sincere interaction with the people running the Clinton economy. The straightforward honesty of Clinton's shopkeepers makes the village a haven for those of us searching for the small-town friendliness we cherish. People renting apartments to students are equally important in fostering the positive friendship that currently exists. If students do not live downtown, how often will we frequent the Jolly Butcher, Revco, or Sharon's Sweet Shoppe?

Furthermore, students downtown give on-campus folk an outlet that enables them to feel as if they escape from the sometimes stifling aspects of campus. Watching a movie, throwing a party, or playing Scrabble in a downtown apartment is, in a word, more fun than doing the same in Babbitt or North. Students need a breather from dorm life; downtown life provides a key outlet for the pent-up soul.

Lastly, and most important, the downtown living experience gives students the independence and maturity that cannot be matched while living on campus. I shudder to think that the Hamilton administration believes that *all* students are better prepared for the post-college world without ever having lived truly on their own. By living in "The Projects," I have learned about menial tasks such as vacuuming, dishes, electric bills, being a neighbor to adults, and, of course, the rent. While I would probably be trembling at the thought of searching out a domicile for myself next year if I lived on The Hill, I now feel relaxed and even excited about the process awaiting me. In short, I feel prepared. By letting me live downtown, Hamilton has enhanced my abilities to be an adult, instead of suppressing my thirst for independence.

Now, let me be clear: I am not saying that downtown is "better" than the residence halls. For me, the experience was what I needed after a year away from Hamilton supervision while in Paris. For others, the dorms are the way to go. Simply put, I wish for students to have a choice; with the student body bulging out of Kirkland, North, and Carnegie, Hamilton does not need to fuel the fire by stuffing everyone into overcrowded residence halls. Financial concern is invalidated by the record number of students currently attending Hamilton; the College can survive because of the newly-implemented five meal plan and the elimination of fraternity houses. Underclassmen: Raise your voices and make sure Res Life knows how you feel! To be denied the opportunity to live where *you* choose is shackling your brain, preventing it from viewing and experiencing the horizons it so yearns to understand.

# In memorium to campus mail

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

Yesterday afternoon, I ventured through the crowded corridors of the Beinecke Village towards my mailbox. I was filled with great trepidation at the thought that some sketchy hoodlum had spun my dial off the last number of the combination. If that heinous event were to occur, I would have to remember my combination and fight the knob to enter it. Luckily, I was not forced to confront this fear; however, my box was uncharacteristically uninhabited. This state of postal vacancy is one that I am most certainly unaccustomed to and admittedly I almost felt insulted. As I forlornly exited, with my head hung and feet dragging, my friend attempted to console me and pointed out that campus mail was becoming obsolete. It seems that all school announcements will now be delivered via e-mail. Gone are memos to "the Hamilton Community;" cyber-vogue had claimed another victim.

While campus mail is by no means as exciting as a North Court party, it did serve to break the otherwise monotonous routine of my life on the Hill. Every time I go out, I secretly long for a fire to start, or terrorists to strike; neither event is particularly pleasant, but both might generate an exciting answer to the prerequisite small talk of "What did you do last night?" I also realize that neither event is probable, so I settle for the thrills of form-letters from E.M.T. Now, the psychedelic color is all that is left to excite me when I am exactly halfway in between the two sides of campus.

There was a definite appeal to these campus publications. I have opened my mailbox to read of student deaths, upcoming lectures, and follow the poor implementation of the residential life decision. I do realize that these publications consume a great deal of paper and by the end of the day a rain forest is lying on the floor of Beinecke. The e-mail will be more efficient, easier to use, and definitely more eco-conscious. However, the romantic in all of us has to miss the nostalgia of the mailings. It is similar to my feelings on that tractor with a giant brush being replaced with that new Sno-Cat. The former is not only ineffective, but perhaps counterproductive, since it seemed to shine ice all over the paths; however rank sentimentalists such as myself miss it. Furthermore, the ease of use possessed by e-mail often creates situations which are simply preposterous.

For example, there is the case of the John Nichols lecture series. I received numerous e-mails concerning the visit by the author of *The Milago Beanfield War*. The correspondence informed me that he was planning to visit the Hill, that there was a mistake concerning the time, and that the visit was canceled. The latter fact certainly irritated me, but the entire situation can almost be described as a farce. In addition, at some point, some computer aficionado came to the less than brilliant conclusion that those annoying chain letters are even easier to send on a computer.

All cynicism and humor aside, the bottom line remains that this step is symbolic of an important piece of history. I have often heard elderly people speaking about their age with a mixture of pride and depression. They boast of events they have witnessed in their lifetime; for example, arrogance is often derived from watching television and automobiles work their way into common homes. However, we too have been alive through some incredible advances (I use the term "advances" loosely.) The times that we live in are indeed amazing ones. We often are not aware of technology because of our method of witnessing it. It is by no means a slow change, but when put in the midst of it, it is not as noticeable.

I have childhood memories of early computers such as the Commodore 64 and the invention of video games with the introduction of the Atari. Pac-Man and Pong seemed like modern marvels; now they are merely being aged until they are ripe for archaeologists and sociologists. I recently read that not only do new video-games have controversial blood and guts reminiscent of a Jean Claude Van Damme movie, but they can also connect to the world-wide-web. In case you wanted to connect your television to the cyber-universe, but disliked this method, several other black boxes are available to perform the task.

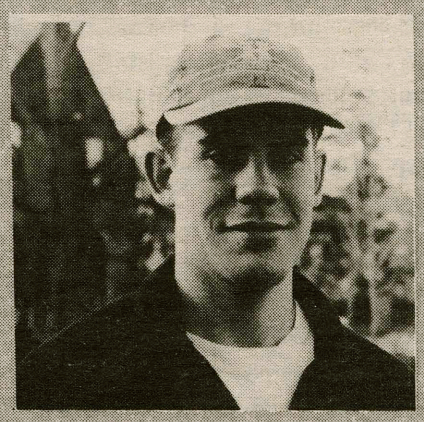
I have been writing this column on a laptop in the middle of the Glen, which is amazing unto itself. The juxtaposition of nature and our silicon filled plastic gizmos created quite a contradiction. It is a vastly significant duo. We must be aware of the fact that we can walk around with a computer in our backpack and how absurd that notion would have seemed just ten years ago. At the same time, we must also savor the nature and not dismiss experience for nifty .gifs emanating from the web. We must appreciate both sides and be careful to become neither Luddite nor victim of carpal tunnel syndrome.

# VOICE BOX

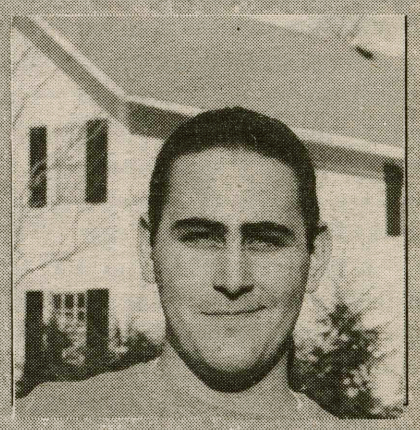
## How has the warm weather affected your spirits?

*Toby Ditzel '99*
**"I've been feeling silly and giddy. I don't even take my medication anymore."**

*Amanda Kogut '99*
**"I'm addicted to sunlight!"**



*Mike Rieger '00*
**"It's good for my spirits."**



*Jason Newmark'98*
**"I'm a new man. I have started taking naked jogs around the campus again. A little earlier this year!"**

# A comparative study of honor codes: an active one vs. Hamilton's

Although it may seem unapparent at times, there does exist something called an "Honor Code" at Hamilton College. If you search back in your memory (for some of you farther back than others) you may remember signing a little piece of paper upon which was printed a basic notion: Be honest, do not cheat. Simple. Well, my argument would be that this message is too simple.

According to the historical background cited in the pamphlet concerning honor code regulations, Hawley Truax, H '06, class of 1909, "conceived of a student-regulated honor system" after speaking to several students from other educational institutions who praised such systems set up at these universities.

This description goes on to state that, "the Honor Code has developed into one of the most respected institutions at Hamilton, promoting a rare form of trust between students and faculty as well as a binding sense of integrity and responsibility among fellow students."

There is no doubt that trust, integrity and responsibility are all notions which make up the Hamilton identity, but I question the role of the Honor Code within this identity. Hawley Truax did not conceive of the moral principle which labels cheating and dishonesty as moral offenses, however he did instigate the notion at Hamilton of transforming this basic value into the printed word with the purpose of being recognized by each student with his (I write "his" because that is the fact of that time period!) signature.

My question is twofold: What is the difference between the implicit value and the written code, and what is the purpose of the Honor Code if its only influence is the reiteration of what we should already know and practice?

The Honor Code has almost never played a role in my four years at Hamilton. I simply follow my own honor code instilled in me before my time in college in which cheating and dishonesty are an offense. The times when the Honor Code has actively and visibly come into play, however, have shown me the beauty of attending a college like Hamilton.

Have you ever sat down to an average exam and thought, I'm not going to cheat on this exam because I signed the Honor Code pledge? Probably not. Have you ever had a professor hand you an exam, tell you to take it where ever you wish under the stipulation that you hand it in within the required time frame? If you have, then you have witnessed the Honor Code at work. A silent conversation occurs during such an exchange. In effect, the professor is saying to you, I trust you, and you are saying to the professor, by not cheating, I respect you.

I remember visiting a college during my junior year of high school which also functioned upon an honor code. Not too unusual. This college, however, was unusual. Their honor code possessed influence and meaning within the community. Not one aspect of college life remained untouched by this code. Students who matriculate to this college do not thoughtlessly sign a piece of paper, but rather they sign their names to a certain way of living. Friends who attend this college have informed me that this is not just promotional propaganda but the truth. What makes their code different from ours?

CHRISTIE REED
WEEKLY REED

The most prominent difference concerns exams. How many times have you had an exam schedule designed either for a genius or to drive you crazy? How many times have you had an exam on Tuesday and then nothing until Sunday? And how many times have your professors told you "too bad"? One can understand their reasoning, but here is a prime example of where the Honor Code can and should come into play. Allow students to schedule their own exams. At the college previously mentioned, students can create their own exam schedule and can take their exams anywhere they choose: the library, their room, an empty classroom, etc., so long as they follow the time limits and they do their own work. This trust seems to say so much more than the "trust" praised in the Hamilton College Honor Code description. This example depicts the Honor Code as an active participant in the lives of these students. Why? Because they have exercised the privileges offered by having such a code.

This code also takes part in simple every day acts. Students at this college can go into the library, put their books and belongings in a carrel, leave everything there for however long they choose and find it there when they return. In fact, you can choose a carrel that you would like to frequent and leave your things there all year!

This is not to say that these students live in a little utopia where crimes of dishonesty never take place. They are human too. They do have, however, an honor code which functions as an integral and *visible* part of every day life. If you were to ask a student at this college why they felt at ease about leaving their belongings unattended, they would answer, "because of the Honor Code." Would this be your answer?

The Honor Code expresses what we should already know; be honest. At Hamilton, we fail to fully exercise this code and the privileges it provides. We must not be afraid to push the boundaries and to recognize the positive aspects of placing responsibility in the hands of Hamilton students.

In effect, in using the Honor Code primarily as a means of policing possible offenses while failing to emphasize and to take advantage of the many positive uses of this code, does that not subtly suggest that the Honor Code has been erected as an agent in question of trust rather than one which serves to create it?

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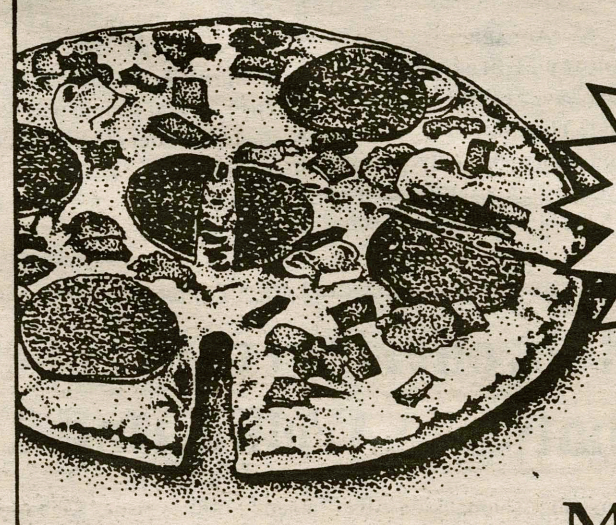

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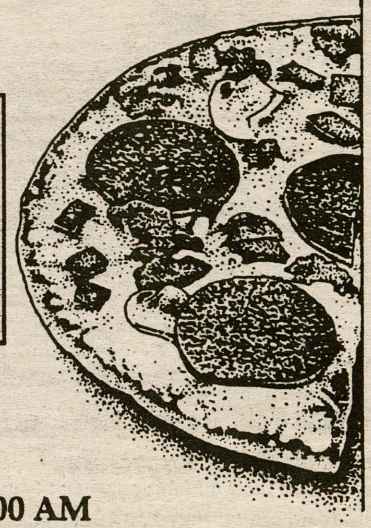

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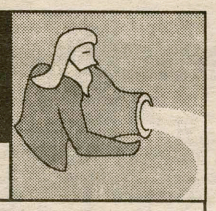

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**PISCES**
**(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)**

Hey buddy! Your suave and sophisticated approach towards life is going to cause you problems. Get a hair cut! Your lucky pen is: A Bic retractable.

**ARIES**
**(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)**

You have done it before, let history repeat itself. The past contains the answers to the future. Learn how to shake it, baby! Lucky activity: Disco roller skating.

**TAURUS**
**(APRIL 21-MAY 21)**

Pour some sugar on love! Romance is in your future, Taurus. Take a shower and put on deodorant, this will be your lucky weekend. Lucky TV show is: Conjunction Junction.

**GEMINI**
**(MAY 22-JUNE 21)**

Five days you work, one whole day to play, come on Gemini, Saturday's your day. The moons of Jupiter are in an alignment that is good for you. Your lucky song is: Jive Talkin'.

**CANCER**
**(JUNE 22-JULY 22)**

Host a party for your friends this weekend. Make sure you crack your windows and have plenty of cups. Your electric friend is: An outlet.

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**LEO**
**(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)**

Hey Leo, how have you been? Your smooth talking personality will help you to hook it this weekend. Make sure that you get your stories straight, long term commitments are not good for you. Lucky drug is: Amoxicillin.

**VIRGO**
**(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)**

Virgo, you have been so ungroovy up until now! Get on the bandwagon, being a single is uncool. You need to BURN a hole in those polyester pants. Your lucky condiments for this week are: Salt and pepper.

**LIBRA**
**(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)**

Your life been feeling like a story from "Jake and the Fatman?" Not to worry, things will eventually become so bad that they will seem good. Your lucky group is: Metallica.

**SCORPIO**
**(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)**

Time to shake that tail and sting someone this weekend. Your presence can have a profound impact upon others while the stars are aligned. Lucky movie is: *Top Secret!*

**SAGITTARIUS**
**(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)**

Hey Nelly! Ho Bobby! Early nights on weekends are driving you towards despair. Time for you to lasso your favorite cowboy/girl. Lucky music instrument is: A tambourine.

**CAPRICORN**
**(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)**

Be alive, don't wait for life to come to you. Carpe Diem you stud muffin. Start making this the place you want to be and take some action! Your lucky song this week is: Loser.

**AQUARIUS**
**(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)**

Who can say they really understand? You can! With your wisdom and great personality, you can outdo your potential during the next week. Your lucky people are: Albinos.

# MOVIES IN REVIEW

## ABSOLUTE POWER — B

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

The hard thing about a Clint Eastwood movie is that it doesn't necessarily have to be a good movie by the normal standards to be great. There is something about squinty skeletal men who whisper that is so cool. Add a great cast, intelligent dialogue, and who cares that the plot has holes? It certainly doesn't take much away, nothing major. The movie is even quality looking because the money was spent to make everything look nice.

Clint Eastwood is Luther Whitney, an expert thief who robs expensive homes, and is so good at it he never gets caught. He makes robbery, refined. Rather than being a flawed profession, it becomes respectable. On the side Whitney spends a lot of time in the National Gallery of Art copying paintings to perfect his artistic skills.

One night Whitney robs the house of a very old rich man. The man has a vault in his bedroom that hides his considerable amount of valuables. Eastwood is in the vault when the rich man's very young wife comes home with her date for the evening, the President (Gene Hackman). She was supposed to be on vacation with the rest of her family, but the desire to commit adultery made her stay home "sick."

Whitney sees a passionate evening go way astray. The President and the woman fight, and the woman is beaten. She gains the upper hand and almost kills the President, but is shot by Secret Service agents before doing any real damage. The President's staff clean up the scene, but Whitney escapes with the evidence. But even though Whitney is the most respectable of thieves, few people will want to believe him over the President (considering tabloid TV today, this assumption doesn't seem as true as it once might have been).

In order to add intrigue, Whitney has a strained relationship with the one relative in his immediate family, Kate (Laura Linney, *Primal Fear*). The relationship is explored (Kate's pissed that Dad was never there for her) and the movie does a good job of exploring that without getting too sappy. The good thing is that Kate is kept in the plot, she doesn't just scream in the background. She has a real decision to make - whether or not to turn in her father?

PHOTO COURTESY OF CASTLE ROCK ENTERTAINMENT
**Clint Eastwod playing the loner with a heart in his latest movie, *Absolute Power*.**

The head of the police investigation is Seth Frank (Ed Harris, *Apollo 13*), who has the hots for Kate. He is the nice guy honest cop, who just wants to figure out the whole story. That's his job. How respectable. So of course, the character is little bit of a dork, socially.

The roles of each of the major characters in this movie could have turned into stereotypes, but good acting gets rid of that risk. The President is strong and powerful, but being taken away from the murder scene he is weak. He has to be supported by the people around him to have the power that he has. That is made plausible by Hackman's performance.

Linney, playing Kate, makes the daughter a real person. She has felt ignored by her father her entire life, but her father's imperfections don't make her perfect. At the same time the fact that her father is the good guy does not make Linney's character whiny, which could just have easily, and usually would have, happened.

Clint is the same character he plays in every movie. The loner with the heart, and a great deal of intelligence on how the world REALLY works. There is charm as well, and that is what makes the movie good. It is desirable to see the characters working out the mystery, to make decisions.

The actors carry it. Certain questions about why people behave the way they do are erased by a good production. The spectacle is very important in this movie. The President's image is a part of what the country sees of him, but that doesn't allow him the absolute power that he would like to believe he has. Being wounded in his struggle with the woman, he can't even go to a doctor, for fear of public curiosity.

The movie makes a successful effort to entertain the audience. It shows what the viewer wants to see, but this time it doesn't have to be a great deal of violence. Outside of the first shooting there isn't a whole lot. Sometimes the icky scenes aren't even shown; people just talk about them. The characters don't need to be hidden by shock value, they can stand on their own.

# Highly acclaimed throat singers of Siberia to perform vocal acrobatics at Wellin Hall Thursday

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Huun-Huur-Tu, the best known and most highly acclaimed ensamble of throat singers from Tuva, will perform at Hamilton College on Thursday, February 27, at 8:30 p.m. The concert will take place in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. Tickets are $15 for the general public, and $5 for students.

The members of the ensemble chose the name Huun-Huur-Tu to underscore their attachment to the countryside from which they came. Both their name and their music is rooted in the relationship of humankind to the dramatic world of the south Siberian grasslands. Tuvans call their open countryside "huun-huur-tu" because they are awed by the beauty of its wonderful light.

The music for which Tuva is best known-throat singing, or khoomei, is a vocal technique found in several Asian cultures. It allows the singer to produce two or more separate notes simultaneously, and to integrate melody and harmony. The centuries-old style of singing incorporates guttural growls, high-pitched barks, multi-toned drones and polyphonic complexity similar to the chanting of Tibetan monks.

The group features two master musicians, Kaigal-ool Khovalyg and Anatoly Kuular. Khovalyg is from a remote part of western Tuva. His great-grandfather was a famous throat-singer, recorded by musicologists from Moscow in the 1930s. He taught himself the technique when he was 12. Kuular also heard throat-singing as a child. He is a master of the khomus (Jew's harp).

The other members of the group are Sayan Bapa, Alexander Bapa and Mergen Mongush who perform vocals and accompaniment on a variety of handmade stringed instruments, a frame drum, bells, and rattle. Huun-Huur-Tu has recorded two albums, *The Orphan's Lament* and *60 Horses in My Head*.

The Huun-Huur-Tu concert is the fourth performance of the Hamilton Performing Arts Series. The final performance in the series will be the National Theater of the Deaf's presentation of *Curiouser and Curiouser*, Sunday, March 9.

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**Huun-Huur-Tu bring their singing to the Hill.**

# Buddha returns with advice for disgruntled ears

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**Super Sounds of the 90's: Soul Coughing, Sublime, Cake.**

PETER GASTON

BUDDHA'S BUZZ

Being a fan of music in general has become quite difficult in recent years. Those of us who, like myself, jumped on the bandwagon in 1990 and 1991 with the rise of "alternative" have been continually disappointed as bands have tried to duplicate the success of **Nirvana**, **Pearl Jam**, **Jane's Addiction**, **Alice in Chains** and other torch-bearers. People who sought good times and good tunes in the spirit of the **Dead**, **Allmans** and **Phish** continue to groan as unworthy poseurs are embraced by pop culture.

Recently, for myself at least, all of this has changed. In an epiphanic manner, the disjointed parts of today's music have begun to blend together to bust the heads of genrefying idiots who program MTV and so-called "modern rock" radio. However, if forced to, I would have an idea of what title I would slap on the bin at your local record store where these albums would be kept. The placard would read: "Look here for quality music."

What makes an ordinary CD fit into the category of quality music? It's up you. You may have already found your quality music, but if you are still unsatisfied, here are some tips.

When you hear something you like at a party or blasting out of someone's car, ask them what they are playing. Then, haul your butt to a music store and check it out. Many chains, particularly Blockbuster Music and used CD stores, allow customers to listen before purchasing.

Or, if you're a lazy college student, get on the Net and look the artist up. You're sure to find downloadable audio clips. You can even purchase albums online at places like CDNow (www.cdnow.com) and Music Boulevard (www.musicboulevard.com) and have them delivered right to Beinecke. Don't be afraid to buy. You can always return items.

Another suggestion is to look away from the type of music you're used to buying. You will like other music that's out there; you just have to dig a bit.

After following these steps, I guarantee you'll be a happier listener.

To get you started on your new quest, let me provide you with a few suggestions of new music that is super cool. Personally, I've found that my "genre" has become something I'll call "urban music," for lack of a more creative term. It encompasses anything from hardcore punk to ska to good old rock, but it all has an urban feel.

A couple of artists have really begun to bridge a gap between "alternative" and rap/R&B. The first, and perhaps best, band accomplishing this feat is **Soul Coughing**. This band has been around for about three years, coming hard out of NYC with the poetic and clever lyrics of singer/guitarist M. Doughty, stand-up bass from Sebastian Steinberg, smooth beats from drummer Yuval Gabay and the incredible keyboards and samples of Mark De Gli Antoni.

Soul Coughing's latest release, *Irresistible Bliss* (Slash/Warner), is an intoxicating blend of rap, jazz and funk with a touch of golden Greenwich Village and a pinch of punker attitude. From the upbeat "The Idiot Kings" to the smooth sounds of "Soft Serve" and "Sleepless" and the brash "White Girl," Soul Coughing is one of the freshest talents in music today.

Along the lines of Soul Coughing we find **Cake**, the NoCal quintet whose sardonic lyrics and phat grooves will knock your socks off. Grab a bite of *Fashion Nugget* (Capricorn) and taste the thumping rhythms and power of "The Distance," the bluegrass-twinged "Stickshifts and Safetybelts," the throw-your-hands-in-the-air bravado of "Nugget" and a phenomenal cover of the Hamilton party fave, "I Will Survive."

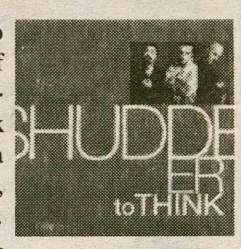
Ska is becoming a catch-all phrase that even incorporates No Doubt (yikes!), but skip them and pick up some **Sublime**. However, get your hands on *40 Oz. to Freedom* (Gasoline Alley/MCA), their previous release, and see what Brad Nowell could have offered this planet had he hung around for a few more years. Of note here are tracks such as "D.J.'s," "Smoke Two Joints" and a silky cover of the Dead's "Scarlet Begonias."

Swing music is making a huge comeback, especially out west in Frisco, and leading the charge are two killer groups, **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** and **Squirrel Nut Zippers**. BBVD's eponymous debut (Big Bad Records) is filled with seemingly traditional swing grooves, but look for the lyrics to give it a 90's edge.

The Zippers' latest, *Hot* (Mammoth), is chock full of jumpin' big band tunes and some smooth lounge-lizard vibes. Zipper Katharine Whalen makes your speakers melt with her silky vocals that certainly conjure Billie Holiday. *Hot* is also an enhanced CD, and you can check out some live Zippers shows as well as material from older albums when you throw the disc into your Mac or IBM-compatible.

I'll be taking a look at some more eye-opening artists to broaden your horizons next week in the Buzz. Happy hunting!

## MUSIC NEWS




After two and a half years, **Shudder to Think** returns with a new album, *50,000 B.C.* (Epic). The album is quite miraculous, as the band survived a rough year that saw frontman Craig Wedren battle (and defeat) Hodgkin's Disease and drummer Adam Wade leave the band.

The new release, which hits stores on Tuesday, takes Shudder's indescribable sound to a new level. The band's critically-acclaimed blend of serrated guitars, intrictate time changes and Wedren's soaring vocals may actually propel Shudder out of anonymity.

Look for songs that actually stay in 4/4 time throughout and a re-release of the Shudder classic, "Red House," which will be the first single. Without a doubt, this is one of the most talented bands out there today, *50,000 B.C.* and will prove it.

I had a chance to net chat with the band on Tuesday, and they are in good spirits and looking forward to getting back on the road.

*NEW RELEASES FOR FEBRUARY 25*

**Freedy Johnston** – *Never Home* (Elektra); **L7** – *The Beauty Process: Triple Platinum* (Reprise); **Seven Mary Three** – *Rock Crown* (Atlantic), **Shudder to Think** – *50,000 B.C.* (Epic); **Sky Cries Mary** – *Moon Bathing on Sleeping Leaves* (Warner Bros.); **Zap Mama** – *7* (Warner Bros.).

# Emerson to present corporate collections

By Mark R. Wilson '99
A & E Editor

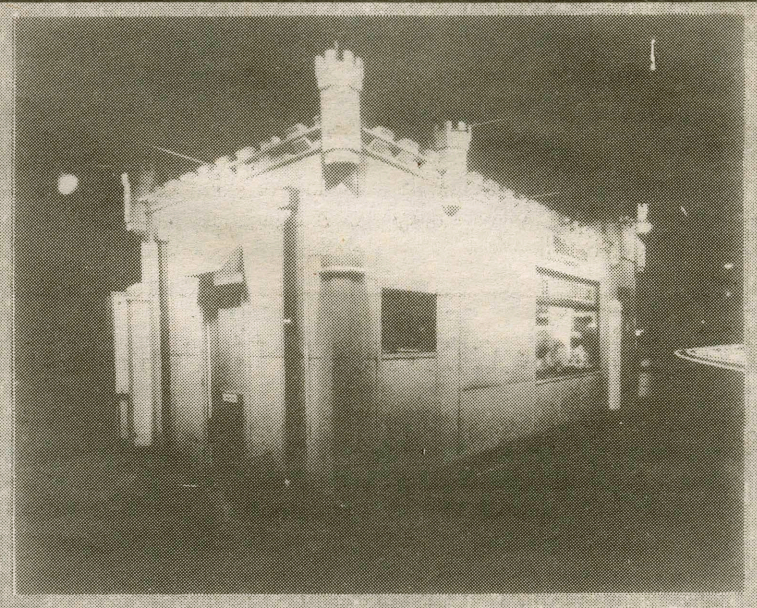
Beginning Monday, the Emerson Gallery proudly presents *Private Art/ Public Art: Photographs from the Collections of Citibank and Johnson and Johnson*, an exhibit consisting of 60 photographs from the walls of Citibank and Johnson and Johnson. Admission to the exhibit is free, open to the public, and will remain in the Emerson until April 6.

What makes this exhibit so exciting is that art works from major corporations are rarely shown to the general public because corporate collections are usually adorning the walls of someone's private office. Both corporations have been collecting photographs since the 1960's and each collection reflects the specific interests of each company. Both collections are very important as each contain major works in the history of photography.

The Johnson and Johnson collection is primarily 20th century photographers. The company's interest in the artists and images of New Jersey is evident with a strong presence of New Jersey photographers including Ester Bubley, Jan Staller and Wendel White. Others themes of the collection include images of families and children and examples of alternative imaging by such artists as Geanna Merola and Jose Louis Avila.

The Citibank collection is a more extensive collection ranging from the early years of photography through the most contemporary of works. The themes of the collection are varied, from the landscapes of Aaron Siskind and Mark Klett to the wonderfully unique visions of Duane Michaels.

The exhibit is being circulated by the Gallery Association of New York State and was organized by the curators of both corporations.



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## LECTURES

**Friday:** Kip Fulbeck will give a one-person, multimedia presentation on "Speaking up Yin Yang" at 7 p.m. in the Red Pit. Sponsored by the Asian Cultural Society and Multicultural Affairs.

**Tuesday and Wednesday:** At 8 p.m. there will be an AAUP Journal Club Lecture on "Economic Metaphors" by Adam Lutzker, Department of Economics, in the Physics Auditorium.

**Wednesday and Thursday:** Mark Alice Durant will speak on "Anchored Fictions, Elusive Documents: Contemporary Photography and Historical Representation" at 4:30 p.m. in the Red Pit. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

**Wednesday:** Associate Dean of Students, James Bradfield will be the first speaker in the Inter-Society Council's Faculty Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. at BETA. Contact Ben Mintz at "bmintz" for details.

**Thursday:** The Inaugural Lecture of "The John and Anne Fischer Professorship in Fine Arts," by Robert C. Palusky, Professor of Art, will be at 4 p.m. in the Emerson Gallery.

## FILM

***Ransom:*** Mel Gibson stars for acclaimed director Ron Howard in this riveting tale of a fiercely independent business tycoon who takes matters into his own hands when his son is kidnapped. Tom Mullen (Gibson) is a fearless individual who is used to mediating tough business deals for his high-tech corporation. Now he must mastermind a daring countermeasure to keep his son alive when an FBI rescue operation fails. With time running out and his wife (Rene Russo) horrified by her husband's shocking strategy, Tom faces the most difficult negotiation of his life, knowing all the while that his son's life hangs in the balance. See showtimes below for K-J Auditorium.

## ARTS

**Saturday:** At 8 p.m. in the Events Barn Saeko Ichinohe & Company will be performing as part of the Asian New Year Celebration. Their performance will consist of modern dance with Japanese themes. Sponsored by the Asian Cultural Society.

**Sunday:** As part of the Guest Artist Series at Munson-Williams Proctor Institute, David Buechner will give a piano recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Museum Auditorium. For more information call 797-0000.

**Thursday:** Huun Huur Tu (Tuvan Throat Singers) will perform as part of HPAS at 8 p.m. in Wellin. Their show will be made up of folk music and traditional instruments. Sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Dance.

## CHECK IT OUT

**Friday:** At 7:30 p.m. in the Events Barn there will be a Scottish Dancing Fundraiser for Alternative Break. Sponsored by HAVOC.

**Friday:** Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson will be performing at 8 p.m. at the Kirkland Art Center. For more information call 853-8871.

**Saturday:** Bobby Peru Comedy Festival, Hamilton's first comedy competition, will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Hub. Groups from Harvard, MIT, Cornell and Williams will appear. Sponsored by the Bobby Peru Comedy Troupe, ISC, BETA, The Student Media Board, and CAB.

**Saturday:** Andrew Mishalove, DJ from PC & the Crew, will be DJ-ing for a Dance Party at 10 p.m. in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Asian Cultural Society.

**Thursday:** From 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. in the Events Barn Open Mic for Alternative Spring Break will take place. Sponsored by HAVOC.

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| *Absolute Power* | *6:40, 9:40* | *Jerry Maguire* | *6:35, 9:25* |
| *Vegas Vacation* | *7:15, 9:35* | *Shine* | *7:05* |
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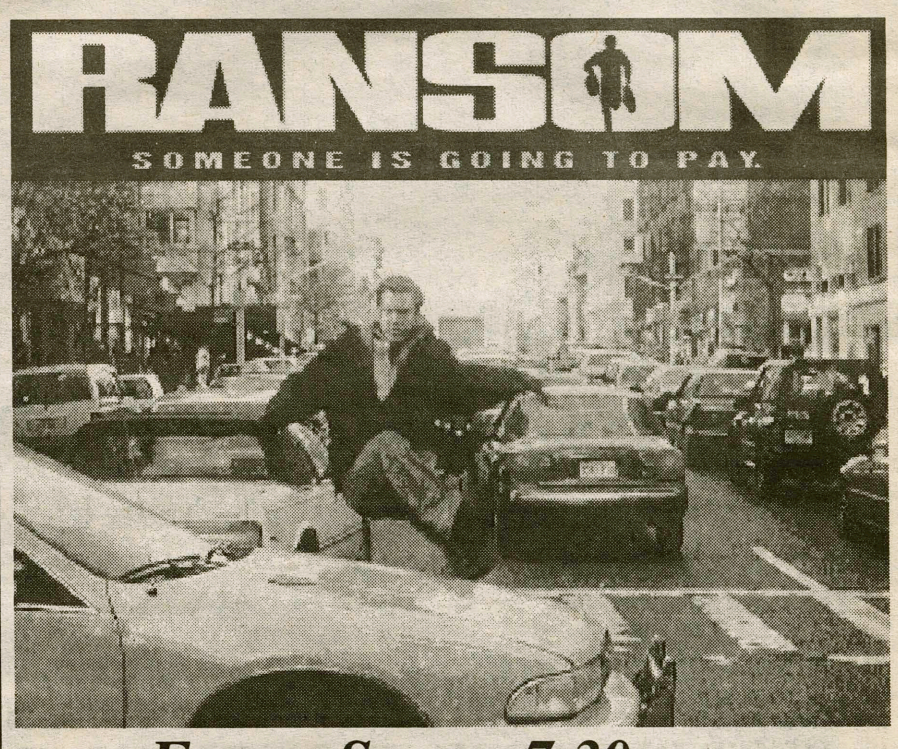


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# Can anyone really beat the Bulls...four times?

Can anybody really beat the Bulls? I can't remember the last time America has seen a team this dominating. The San Francisco 49ers of the 80's, led by Joe Montana, come directly to mind, as well as the 85'-86' Chicago Bears, who posted a 16-1 record before winning the Super Bowl, demonstrating mastery of the NFL. The 1986 NY Mets recorded 108 victories and won their division by 21 1/2 games, and then proceeded to capture one of the most dramatic World Series ever. The LA Lakers won five NBA titles in the 80's and the Boston Celtics won three. These teams both dominated the league, but they always had each other to contend with. The NBA hasn't seen one team dominate the league, like the Bulls have in the past two seasons, since Red Auerbach's Boston Celtics won eight consecutive titles in the 60's.

Chicago is currently running on all cylinders, sitting atop the league with a record of 46-6. Unless the bottom of the boat falls out, they are a virtual lock to capture home court advantage throughout the playoffs. With only one loss at home this season, it is a scary thought for the rest of the league. It would seem the Bulls' main goal would be to break last year's single season record of 72-10. Don't fool yourself, though, their main priority is to stay healthy, and for Rodman to stay out of jail.

Michael Jordan is well on his way to another MVP award. So far this season, Jordan is averaging 30.6 points per game—four better than Karl Malone, who is the next closest player. One must also remember that Jordan is putting up these numbers while rarely playing more than three quarters a game. The Bulls usually have such command of a game by the fourth quarter that MJ doesn't even have to play.

The doubters are ever present. People say that it's not that hard to be Michael Jordan when you're surrounded by the type of team that Chicago has. My response to this speculation is simple--Jordan can raise the level of his game at any given time. On two separate occasions this season, Jordan has set out to make statements on national television against two of the best teams in the league. Earlier this season, the NY Knicks's coach Jeff Van Gundy criticized Jordan for being more of a buddy to players from other teams than an opponent. Jordan responded by scorching the Knicks for 52 points at Madison Square Garden, the highest total in the league this season. Just a few weeks ago, Seattle coach George Karl publicly commented that Jordan isn't the fierce offensive competitor he once was. Karl believed Jordan didn't take it to the hoop out of fear of contact in the paint. Jordan dumped in 46 points that afternoon, again on the road. The Knicks and the Supersonics—these are no Mickey Mouse teams. Through Wednesday night, they held the fourth and the sixth best records in the NBA, respectably. To attest even more to the accomplishment, NY and Seattle are two of the most respected defensive teams in the league. Jordan just seems to be searching for something to feed his fire. Van Gundy and Karl opened the door for a challenge, and Jordan turned them into fools.

TIM BOOTH
THE ABSURD TRUTH

Many NBA fans believe that the Bulls are so good that they could win without Jordan. Scotty Pippen is the best all-around player in basketball. He could register eight assists a game at the point, if he wanted to. He could pull down ten rebounds a game in the paint, if he wanted to. He is a perennial fixture on the NBA All-Defensive team. Most of all, though, Pippen can score, as is evident by his career high 47 point performance against Denver on Wednesday night. Then there is Tony Kukoc. The Croatian is influential in any role. If he starts, Kukoc can give coach Phil Jackson effective minutes. If he comes off the bench, he is a former Sixth Man of the Year that can jump start his team. In either capacity, Kukoc offers a talented mixture of long range shooting, deaf passing, and sufficient defense. Steve Kerr, who comes in off the bench most of the time, is the best 3-point shooter in the league, and some believe the best ever. He has the highest career percentage of any player in history from beyond the arc, and leads the NBA this season with a .459 percentage. Kerr plays fantastic hustle defense, and is the most unselfish player on the team. Then there's Rodman, the best rebounder in the game. He is averaging 16.2 boards a game, almost two rebounds per game better than the next best. He has accumulated more rebounds than any other player, even though he missed 12 games because of suspension. Rodman is also one of the best defensive players in the league, and will likely reserve a spot on the All-Defensive team beside Pippen. The rest of the squad is a group of disciplined role players—Longley, Harper, Caffey, and even The Chief. They know that all they need to do is stay focused on defense and patient on offensive, and the machine will work. The Bulls are producing wins on auto-pilot, and I don't see them stopping any time soon.

There may not be a team in the NBA that can stop them, but this sports writer still romantically believes that any one team can beat any other team on any given day. There are a limited number of teams that can pose a threat to Chicago in an entire playoffs series, though.

In the East, there are a few teams that may have the potential to upset the Bulls. The Detroit Pistons, with the second best record in basketball at 37-13, deserve respect. Grant Hill is having a career year, and should generate serious consideration come MVP voting time. He is averaging 21.6 ppg and 6.8 assists. The classy veteran Joe Dumars, is not far behind Steve Kerr's league leading 3-point average at .442. His leadership and the team's tenacious defense under coach Doug Collins are vital if the Pistons have hopes of making a post-season run. The NY Knicks are currently 38-14, and have won 6 in a row. After an off-season that saw an influx of new faces such as Larry Johnson, Chris Childs, Alan Houston, and Buck Williams, championship talk has surfaced in NY. Ewing, Oakley, and Starks are still the backbone of the team, but as of yet the new and old have not gelled. Raw talent can only take you so far against the Bulls. If the Knicks don't come together, they will walk away losers.

The team that looks primed to contend with the defending champions is Miami. The Heat lead the Atlantic Division, and with a title they wouldn't have to play Chicago until the Eastern Conference Championships. A true, talented center can cause problems for Chicago. Alonzo Mourning is the kind of fierce competitor that could pick apart the Bulls' front court. Tim Hardaway is playing explosive basketball this season, and could supply the outside offense that may spread the defense enough to exploit the space. With the acquisition of Jamal Mashburn earlier this week from Dallas, Miami seems to be an even better team. More than anything, though, Pat Riley can outcoach Phil Jackson standing on his head. If these teams meet, you can bet that Riley will have the Heat ready. On yeah, Miami is the only team that has beat Chicago at home this season.

In the West, there are also a handful of teams that could dethrone the Bulls this season. The defending Western Conference champions, Seattle Supersonics, are nowhere near the level they played at to reach the finals last spring. Shawn Kemp is currently on the injured reserve list. Gary Payton is not dominating teams like he once did, both offensively and defensively, last season. Furthermore, Karl doesn't seem to carry the same weight in the locker room that he used to. Unless Seattle can find last year's form in time, they have no chance of making the finals for a second consecutive year. The LA Lakers looked like a legitimate contender until Shaquile O'Neal went down with assorted injuries, the latest being a knee injury that will sideline him for the rest of the season. Without Shaq, the Lakers can still compete, but not against the Bulls. They have tremendous talent in Elden Campbell, Nick Van Exel, Kobe Bryant, and Robert Horry. These players are not enough, though. Unless O'Neal returns ready to play they will falter in the playoffs.

The Utah Jazz are in the thick of the hunt year in and year out. The combination of Karl Malone and John Stockton has lost in the past, and I don't see how they will change that this year. Brian Russell and Jeff Hornacek represent a solid backing to the dynamic duo. Without career post-seasons from Malone and Stockton, Utah has little chance to play with Chicago, or even make it to the finals. The team that I like the most from the West is Houston. They have lost eight out of their last ten games, but when healthy, they can play with any team in the league. If, and that is a big if, Olajuwan, Drexler, and Barkley are healthy for the playoffs—watch out. These are three of the best players of all time who have proven that they can still play while in the latter part of their careers. Furthermore, they have shown that they can play together like career professionals. Olajuwan can dominate the court in the finals—we have seen it before. He will, most definitely create a headache for Chicago in the paint. Barkley can compete with Rodman on the boards, and strap the Rockets on his shoulders if need be. Drexler can slash through the lane if space opens up, and with Olajuwan and Barkley posting up, that space will exist. Houston, more than any other team in the league, has the tools to compete with Chicago. The key to their success is their health.

The San Francisco 49ers of the 80's, the '85 Chicago Bears, the '86 New York Mets, the Boston Celtics, and the LA Lakers all have one thing in common - they won championships. Their legend only manifested after they won their titles. The Chicago Bulls may already have attained the notoriety that these phenomenal teams have, but in order for them to reserve their own place in sports history they have to keep winning. At this point in the season, they are already to sign their names.

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| Sat. Feb 22 | Holy Cross 3 pm | Vermont 1 pm | St. Lawrence 4 pm | St. Lawrence 2 pm | | | | |
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| New York at Seattle 2/21 | New York | Seattle | Seattle | Seattle | Seattle |
| Portland at Miami 2/21 | Miami | Miami | Miami | Miami | Miami |
| Orlando at Indiana 2/23 | Indiana | Indiana | Indiana | Indiana | Indiana |
| Charlotte at San Antonio 2/24 | San Antonio | San Antonio | San Antonio | San Antonio | Charlotte |
| **NCAA Basketball** | | | | | |
| North Carolina at Maryland 2/22 | Maryland | Maryland | Maryland | Maryland | Maryland |
| Duke at UCLA 2/23 | Duke | Duke | UCLA | Duke | Duke |
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# A week in review

JASON SANTARCANGELO

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

**It's Decision Time...**

Where will the Hamilton Hockey team be playing in two weeks? Why ask that question? NESCAC rules prohibit teams from playing in more than one post season tournament. In the past Hamilton has benefited from other NESCAC schools removing themselves from the ECAC playoffs in favor of the big show, the NCAA's. The selection committee might have a hard time selecting the Continentals who have faltered of late, including, what could be the knockout punch, a loss on the road to AIC. The team slipped to sixth after finding themselves in third place the week before. Encouraging is the fact that Hamilton defeated Middlebury, currently third in the rankings. It remains to be seen whether or not the Continentals can help their cause by blowing away their opponents this weekend. Ultimately, Coach Phil Grady will have to decide if the illusive ECAC title or a shot at the NCAA title is more important. I believe this team deserves a shot at the NCAA's —that's more impressive than an ECAC title. Unfortunately I do not sit on the NCAA selection committee. The restraints of the NESCAC system does not make life easy. No matter what this team chooses to do — all Continental Hockey fans need to support them.

**New York Minute...**

What has **George Steinbrenner** done to the New York Yankees? Remember the team who beat the Atlanta Braves in last year's fall classic? Players you won't be seeing in pinstripes include World Series MVP **John Wettland**—George forgot to offer him a contract—and series hero **Jim Leyritz**. Settlements have not yet been made with the Big Daddy, **Cecil Fielder** and his 7.2 million dollar demand to play everyday. Also with two-time gold glover **Wade Boggs** and **Charlie Hayes**, who will see more time at third? Now that's a rough dilemna, for **Joe Torre**. The biggest question remains whether or not the pitching staff now anchored by **Mariano Rivera** and **Andy Pettitte**, what ever happened to all the experience on that staff? Only time will tell.

Half of Madison Square Garden is up for sale and you had better have a huge checkbook if you want to get into the bidding war. ITT's share of the building, the Knicks and Rangers, has garnered interest in the area of $700,000. Expect that number to rise in the next couple of weeks as the bidding really begins.

The Knicks are finally beginning to show that they may make some noise in the NBA playoffs this year. After trailing by ten points at home to the Phoenix Suns the Knickerbockers woke up and played basketball against a respectable team. **Patrick** 'I think I have a jump shot' **Ewing** played a powerful game inside the paint scoring, thirty-one points, and making **John Starks**' trey with nothing left on the clock the shot heard through the Garden. The Knicks managed to put together a one point win, 95-94. This is the first time the Knicks have shown they maybe able to give the Bulls a run in the playoffs.

**Whoa Nellie!**

**Don Nelson** is lucky his team plays in Dallas and not the Alamo or he might find himself in front of a firing squad. In the meantime, the Nets made their roster something close to those of the better NBA teams in the league, while creating 14 million dollars of room under the all important salary cap. It has yet to be seen, but on paper the Nets got the better end of this blockbuster deal. The Nets maintain **Kerry Kitles**, **Kendall Gile** and **Jayson Williams**—arguably their best three players. To that they add, All-Star **Chris Gatling** and potential all-star **Jim Jackson**. Big bodied **Eric Montros** is to replace **Sean Bradley**, **Sam Cassell** is to replace **Robert Pack** and the pure shooting **George McCloud**. The Dallas Mavericks, in addition to Bradley and Pack, received **Ed O'Bannon** and **Khalid Reeves**. First year coach **John Calipari** and the NJ Nets front office managed to commit robbery and not get caught. I do believe O'Bannon will develop into a role player under Nelson's tutelage. Bradley might finally be able to escape the media's spotlight in Dallas, nobody wants to cover a loss in Dallas and there is not another good team for miles. Without the media's careful watch, Bradley might become one of the leagues preeminent bigmen. I recommend that Don Nelson not spend much time in San Antonio near the Alamo.

**1997's a charm...**

**Martina Hingis** is positioning herself to overtake **Steffi Graf's** number ranking. The 16 year-old Swiss has now won 18 consecutive matches this year—that's four straight tournaments. With four singles titles, the latest at the Paris Women's Open over **Anke Huber**, there may be no stopping the newest tennis phenom.

**Faster and Faster...**

Hendrick Motor Sports dominated the Superbowl of the NASCAR Winston Cup Series opener at Daytona. With team owner **Rick Hendrick** at home battling leukemia, **Jeff Gordon** became the youngest driver (age 25) ever to win the 200 lap, 500 mile event. If that was not enough, teammates "Texas" **Terry Labonte** and **Ricky** "I want more" **Craven** finished third. While on victory lane Gordon and his Rainbow Warriors used a cell phone to call boss Rick Hendrick and dedicate the victory to him.

As you might know, the Daytona 500 once again eluded seven-time Winston Cup Champion **Dale Earnhardt** who was running in second place when his car was involved in what many thought was a race ending wreck. When Dale realized the car was on four wheels and the engine was running, he bolted out of the ambulance and into the car. He finished the race in 31st but left the 160,000 fans in attendance in awe of his remarkable effort. Race champion Jeff Gordon commented, "He is the man of steel."

# Hoops sixth in NCAA East

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Clarkson has improved behind the steady play of forwards Jeremiah Schmidt and former Hamilton JV player Brian Noble. Under the intense tutelage of Hamilton JV Coach Stan "Buddy" Evans, Noble blossomed into a reliable point guard before transferring to Clarkson. He leads the team in assists and adds a nice touch from three-point land. Noble will try to help his team rebound from a tough 50-43 loss to pathetic Rensselaer.

On Saturday, Hamilton faces St. Lawrence for a rematch between the league's top two teams. The Saints defeated Hamilton last month in a wild 88-85 game. The Conts will be looking for payback not only from the teams' first meeting this year, but last year as well. One year ago, St. Lawrence ended Hamilton's season in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. This year, the Saints currently are riding a 12-game winning streak and hold the top ranking in the East region. They are led by shooting guard Andy Bardeschewski (15.0 ppg, 49.3% 3-pointers) and forward Greg Acunto (15.7 ppg, 8.4 rpg). An undefeated weekend will raise Hamilton's ranking and prepare the team for the rigors of post-season play.

With three of its last four games at home, Hamilton needs to recover from the effects of January's month-long road trip before post-season play begins. The Conts boast an 8-1 record on the floor in Bundy Scott Fieldhouse, the only loss coming at the hands of NESCAC powerhouse Williams. The current rise to the sixth-ranking in the East region will get Hamilton a tournament bid. This position will not, however, earn Hamilton a home game for the opening round. With games against St. Lawrence and Rochester (the first and fourth seeds, respectively) at home, the Continentals have a great opportunity.

Hamilton must overcome its season-long problem of blowing out the bad teams and losing in the final minutes to the good teams. With the exception of the Princeton game, the Continentals have suffered each of their losses by an average of just seven points. A stroke of bad luck or poor refereeing seems to haunt this team at crunch time.

After a hard week of practice and lengthy preparation, the Continentals should be ready for the coming week. After steamrolling its last two opponents, Hamilton is ready to flatten its next four.

# Mens hockey set for senior farewell game

*from Hockey prepares, page 20*

ing their game plan and poor play. Rookie Scott Meyer was the first to answer his team's calling with a shot on a pass from fellow freshman Mike Phalen that twined the mesh at 16:25 of the second. Darren Johnston'99, fresh from a thumb injury that kept him out of play for nearly four weeks, rose to the challenge and put Hamilton ahead in its rightful place midway through the period unassisted. A.I.C. powered back with a tenacious effort late in the period to tie the game at two apiece.

The third period proved fatal for the Continentals. The Yellow Jackets got two goals from Ben Ballou, including one on the power-play, to increase Hamilton's deficit by two. Zac Sweetland'99 managed to score his sixteenth goal of the season late in the game, but to no avail. His team-leading statistic was not enough to give Hamilton the much needed momentum it was lacking with so little time remaining. Hamilton outshot A.I.C. 31-20 but was unable to get many by senior netminder Scott Anderson. Brent Davey'00, who has lead the Continentals to 15 of their 16 wins in his debut season recorded 16 saves on the losing effort. Hamilton lost the decision to the A.I.C. Yellow Jackets 4-3.

Hoping to redeem themselves, the Continentals travelled to the University of Connecticut to face yet another poor team. Hamilton managed to pull this one out, but the win was not without its hassles. Ben Hawn'98 scored a goal and had an assist to lead Hamilton to a 4-2 win over the lowly University of Connecticut. UConn jumped ahead first in the second minute of play with a goal by Matthew Jarret. Once again, Hamilton was held scoreless in the first period for the second game in a row. Unassisted on the power-play, Ben Hawn's'98 shot from the top of the face-off circle found the top left corner of the net behind goalie Bill Brennan to tie the game with less than three minutes remaining in the second. Assistant captain Joe Baudo'97, who still looks for his 100th career point posted his 99th at 0:47 of the middle period when he scored unassisted to put the Continentals ahead.

The Continentals put on the heat in the third period and never looked back. Leaving the UConn skaters behind in a trail of snow and ice, Hamilton skated to victory with two well-earned goals. Brian Guastella'98 displayed his hard-nosed style of play, digging the puck out of the UConn corner to find linemate Trevor MacArthur'99 open in the slot. Guastella barrelled down on the crease to tuck the puck past the goal-line on a nice feed from MacArthur. The joint-effort of Guastella and MacArthur inspired their teammates to put the game out of UConn's pathetic reach. Chris Baudo'00 did just that on the power-play, when he banged home a Ben Hawn'98 pass from the hashmarks to score the insurance goal the Continentals needed. UConn tried to put together a last ditch attempt, but it was futile. Goaltender Brent Davey had not lost a step despite the disappointing loss to A.I.C. the previous night. Turning down 24 shots, Davey posted his 16th victory on the season.

Hamilton faces Connecticut College on Friday at 7:00p.m. and Holy Cross on Saturday at 3:00p.m. in the Sage Rink. This weekend's contests will determine the final rankings in the national poll and reveal the ECAC regular season final standings.

# Women's hockey skates through Maine

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The Women's hockey team traveled to Maine this past weekend for two tough games. On Saturday, February 15th, the Continentals faced off against a talented University of Maine team. Deborah Elvin '00 scored off a pass from Charlotte Davet '00 just 20 seconds into the contest to put Hamilton up 1-0. After Maine tied it up at one halfway through the first period, Hamilton came back strong in the second, holding off Maine completely, as Stacey Tysinski '99 put one away to take the lead off of a pass from Amy Williams '99. This lead, however, would not suffice for the victory. Exactly fifteen minutes into the third period, Maine's Heidi Herns scored, putting a damper on the Continentals' thoughts of victory. But with just 2:42 remaining, Tysinski again put the puck in the net—this time unassisted—giving the Continentals a 3-2 lead which they would not relinquish. Isabel Roberts '97 played brilliantly, as she turned away 34 of the 36 shots she faced.

After such a nail-biting game, Hamilton was looking for an easier game the following day against the Bowdoin Polar Bears. Roberts again stunned the crowd, stopping all 34 shots against her, including two third period breakaways which could have drastically changed the outcome of the game. Roberts brought her record to 10-6-0, with a .881 save percentage. Hamilton managed only 17 shots, but would not need many because of Roberts' talent. Sara Begg '97 scored off of a pass from Tysinski with a mere 5:06 left in the game to put the Continental squad up 1-0. Alexa Slaunwhite '00 then put the nail in the coffin with a power-play goal. Stacey Tysinski again had an assist on this sealing goal. Tysinski has an impressive 20 points in just 10 games. With these two wins, Hamilton improved its record to 12-6-0 overall, and 8-5-0 in league play.

This weekend, the Conts travel to Vermont, for their final two games of the season. They take on the University of Vermont Saturday at 1 p.m., and Middlebury Sunday at 2 p.m.

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**Captain Sara Begg '97, along with co-captain Isabel Roberts '97, led women's hockey to two victories in Maine.**

# Men's Squash heads to Princeton for Nationals

BY AVERY COOK '97
SPORTS WRITER

The Squash team traveled to the international courts of Vassar College the weekend of February 15th to participate in the New York Championships. As Men's Collegiate Squash has moved to the wider international courts, many small schools such as Hamilton have chosen not to renovate their facilities. The result is that those who have made the change have a tremendous advantage since they have the opportunity to practice daily on the differently shaped courts.

The Continentals have further handicapped themselves by trimming their rooster due two members' dismissal from the team for disciplinary reasons. Coach Smith when asked about this said "No comment."

The effects of this action were felt as the team prepared for States and Nationals. The Continentals opened the weekend crushing Stevens Tech in their first match. Chris Toomey '97 and Justin Lew '99 were flawless in their wins, while the rest of the team also won easily—not a single player dropped a game in any of the matches. The second match, however, would prove to be more of a challenge, as the Continentals faced the host team. Vassar, with the home courts, had a great advantage. The Continentals were not able to beat the host school with the trimmed roster, as they posted a 3-6 loss. Captain Doug Prezzano '97, Steve Keys-Grevelis '99, and Justin Lew played well, all winning in the fifth game of their matches.

Sunday morning Hamilton was determined to get back in the win column as the played Bard College. Hamilton blew their competition off the courts in a 9-0 victory. Hamilton won impressively, only giving up two games as the team collected 27. Hamilton's record for the weekend moved to 2-1 as they looked forward to facing Columbia University, a team that the Continentals had faced and beat in the finals of the Conroy Division at Nationals the year before. Columbia University, however, was not the same team as the year before. This year's team, through the acquisition of new talent, has already been nominated for the most improved team in the country. This young team edged out the Continentals in a tough 6-3 match. Hamilton was led by the efforts of Captain Prezzano, Ware Sykes '99, and Justin Lew. Prezzano posted a 4-0 weekend, but said that "it was disappointing to lose to Vassar and Columbia. With our full line up I know we would have done better."

The Continentals hosted the University of Rochester on Tuesday the 18th in their last home match of the year. Rochester came into Clinton with at least a seven match win streak that extended for over four years. This year, however, they showed up not only two hours late, but also lacking in personnel. The Continentals played well winning impressively 6-3. Ware Sykes had a great win at the #4 spot in the ladder as he fought not only his opponent, but also the flu.

The Continentals will be traveling to Princeton University to face Tufts in the first round of the Conroy Division at Nationals. If things go well they will face Rochester and then Army in the finals.

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# Conts strike Union 63-55

## *Levi pulls down 13 rebounds*

By Felicia Holtzman '00
SPORTS WRITER

The Continentals Women's basketball team concludes its season this weekend with games against Clarkson and Hartwick on February 21st and 22nd. Hamilton will have the home court advantage this weekend and hopes to seal their season with two wins. Currently the team has a record of 8-14.

Last weekend the team had one victory over Union on Friday and one loss against Hartwick on Saturday. In the game against Union at home, Jessica Levi '97 led the scoring and rebounding with 14 points and 13 boards. After the first half, the teams were tied 24-24. In the beginning of the second half, Hamilton ran a stretch of 16 unanswered points, and with 10:11 remaining on the clock, the Continentals held a lead of 42-31. Union was able to make a comeback, outscoring the Continentals 17-7. With 2:12 on the clock Union was in the lead 49-48. Kelly McKeown '00 put the Continentals in the lead for good, however, with 3 consecutive hoops. The game ended in a win for the Continentals 63-55. The win gave Hamilton their second victory of the season against Union. "The team refused to give up and lose concentration toward the end of the game. Although we were tired, we kept up our enthusiasm and endurance and it paid off," commented assistant Coach Melissa Hart.

The following day the Continentals weren't as successful as they were defeated by Hartwick 73-56. Hartwick played very well and had many solid plays on their very talented team, but the strength of Hartwick took its toll on the Continentals as they fell behind early stayed there for the remainder. Still, Jessica Levi led the team again in this game with 10 points and 7 rebounds. Levi has been a consistently strong player for the team throughout the season and has regularly led them in scoring.

This weekend it is quite possible for the team to wrap up its season on a high note. The Continentals have played against Clarkson and St. Lawrence before, both on the road. This weekend Hamilton will have an advantage over them—homecourt. In the last meeting with Clarkson, Clarkson won 62-55, and St. Lawrence defeated the Continentals in their last meeting by a mere 2 points, 62-60. Since those games, the Continentals have improved their play and their interaction as a team. In addition, the Continentals have notched 4 victories that have added to their confidence level. "We are much more of a team now than we were when we played these teams. That will help us a lot this weekend," explained assistant Coach Hart.

As the team's season comes to an end, it is evident how much progress and improvement they have made since the beginning of the year.

The team has worked together more in the last few games than they had been and that has resulted in victories for the Continentals down the stretch of their season. The team hopes this weekend will yield continued success and a positive end to the season.

# Men's basketball climbs over Dutchmen to sixth in NCAA East

By David Sylofski '97
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton basketball (12-8) continued a streak of fine play with its third win in the past four games. The convincing 94-68 victory over the lowly Union Dutchmen (5-15) silenced any detractors who believed this team could not respond from a four-game losing streak. The win also improved Hamilton's NCAA ranking to sixth in the East region, an important step as tournament time approaches.

With the memories of last month's debilitating 84-77 loss to the Dutchmen, Hamilton entered the game looking for vengeance. The Conts could not crack the Union zone defense for the greater part of the first half. At the 7:20 mark, the Conts finally moved into high gear behind the efforts of superstar forwards Mike Schantz '99 and Kevin Larson '97. The dynamic duo broke a 24-24 tie by combining for every Hamilton point in a 15-2 run near the end of the half. The Conts enjoyed a comfortable 13-point lead (43-40) as the session expired.

In the second half, Hamilton kept the Dutchmen out of reach with a barrage of three-point bombs. Long-range ace Kevin Thorpe '98 hit three treys in the span of two minutes to push Hamilton's lead over twenty points. Coach Murphy again enjoyed the luxury of emptying the bench with eight minutes remaining. Late-game heroics from Union's benchwarmers spoiled what could have been Hamilton's second straight 30-point win. Hamilton did, however, get its sweet revenge in an impressive fashion, boasting a 26-point lead at 94-68 as the final buzzer sounded. Assistant manager Jon Gilbert described the blowout as "a testament to the endless reaches of man's will—a triumph of the human spirit."

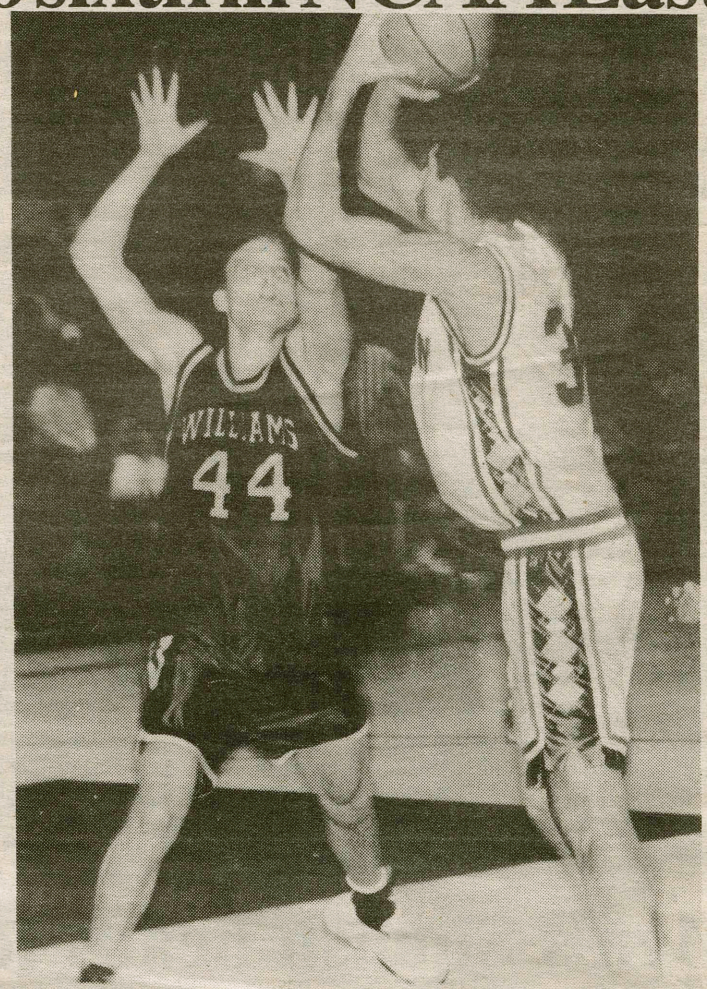


PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

**Men's basketball sets their sights on the playoffs.**

Schantz and Larson led all scorers with 26 apiece. Schantz once again dominated the boards with a game-high eight rebounds. His efforts earned him UCAA Player of the Week honors, for the third time this year. J. J. Raedts '98 bullied his way to 15 points and seven boards in a supporting role. Thorpe hit for nine points and grabbed six rebounds.

With two blowouts in a row to their credit (Skidmore and Union), the Continentals have built the momentum necessary for a crucial upcoming week of play. This weekend Hamilton plays host to Clarkson (10-12) and powerful St. Lawrence (20-2). Next week Rochester (14-7) visits the Hill in another important game.

The Clarkson Golden Knights enter Friday's game looking to salvage what is left of a mediocre season. Hamilton embarrassed the Knights last month 98-62 in Potsdam.

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# Hockey prepares for final homestand

By Dave Andreatta '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

With one week left in the regular season, the top teams in the ECAC East are preparing themselves for post-season play. The defending national champs, Middlebury, have not faltered with a four-point lead over second place Norwich. Hamilton, however, is only two points behind the Cadets and will challenge them for the second place prize.

Hamilton looks as though it will be heading to the ECAC playoffs once again this year with its exceptionally impressive record of 16-5-1 this late in the season. The ECAC playoffs are a very big honor considering the level of competition that teams in the East have to face just to get there. This year, however, it appears as though our Continentals may be able to provide their fans with the enjoyment of seeing their boys in action in the post-season. In recent years, Hamilton has never been seeded high enough at the season's end to bring playoff hockey to the Sage Rink. Loyal fans, however, will only be able to witness ECAC championship hockey only if Hamilton does not have a good enough record to get a bye in the first round of competition, a chance that is slim. The Continental squad of the 1996-97 season is still the best team ever assembled by head coach Phil Grady and his predecessors.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

**Cool as ice between the pipes, Hamilton first-year goalie sensation Brent Davey prepares for the playoffs.**

Hamilton was in national playoff contention just last week, and still may get the opportunity with combined losses from teams ahead of them in the national poll and consecutive Continental wins this weekend. The Conts sacrificed an almost sure national bid last weekend when they came out flat from the opening face-off against cellar-bound A.I.C. on Friday night. With a record of 3-11-2 going into last weekend, A.I.C. was headed only for the golf course after the team played out its remaining four games in what has been a long and painful season for the Yellow Jackets. With nothing to lose, the Yellow Jackets came out of their hive buzzing, and stung Hamilton's hopes for a national playoff spot with a 4-3 win over its visitors. The win did give A.I.C. a couple of things to celebrate about. Not only did they relinquish any hopes that Hamilton may have had of facing teams from the SUNY and West divisions, but the win posted the school's 500th career victory.

Hamilton's heavy feet allowed A.I.C. to draw first blood in the mismatched match-up of the year with just 2:53 remaining in the first period. Hamilton's intermission blasting by the coaching staff inspired and scared the Continentals into rethink-

*please see **senior farewell**, page 19*

## Scorecard

**Men's Hockey**
16-5-1/12-4-1
**Women's Hockey**
12-6-0/8-5-0
**Men's Basketball**
12-8
**Women's Basketball**
8-14
**Men's Squash**
7-9
**Women's Squash**
8-12
**Men's Track**
7-1
**Women's Track**
4-4
**Men's Swimming**
3-2
**Women's Swimming**
2-3